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UNITED TO STAGE LAST STAND GRAND FINAL BID



Sydney United drew with South Melbourne in a game which produced plenty of excitement if little skill

Photo by Carlos Furtardo

LAST weekend's double dose of finals football was far from the treatment required to send the connoisseur home happy. But it certainly continued the trend of box office records being smashed.

Just under 28,000 crammed into the WACA to see Perth Glory edge out Marconi in a game which had few footbaling highlights.

But it was the third week in a row that the series attendance record had been smashed, signalling the emergence of Australian soccer from its long held position of a

sleeping giant.

An eleven thousand crowd saw a flawed if exciting game at Edensor Park where goals were as rare as snow flakes on the Harbour Bridge.

And the result, a 0-0 draw, means that the harbour city has lost the right to stage the Grand Final.

Instead, Olympic Park will be the venue with South Melbourne hitting the pole position and now looking for back-to-back championships.

"We came to do a job and we did that," said inspirational South Melbourne skipper Paul Trimboli.

by Bruce Campbell

"We dedicated this game to David Clarkson, who was in Melbourne, and his two daughters.

"Our thoughts are with them."

Clarkson's daughters were involved in a car smash and the classy midfielder skipped the game to maintain a bed-side vigil.

South Melbourne's opponents in the Grand Final will now be either Sydney United or Perth Glory.

The Glory boys continue to keep going after critics have written them

off as already having played their own final.

Now they are just ninety minutes away from an historic event.

Standing in their way are Sydney United, desperate to make history of their own.

The fact that the Preliminary Final will be played at neighbouring Marconi Stadium, just a stone's throw away from United's Edensor Park, will weigh heavily in their favour.

Again, the likelihood that their fans will pack the tight all-seater Marconi Stadium will also be in Sydney

United's favour.

But one thing that won't happen next Sunday, regardless of the scoreline, is a new NSL record.

Marconi's ground has an 11,000 capacity since being refurbished as an all-seater stadium.

Already the pundits are predicting a United-South rematch with the Pumas hot favourites for the penultimate match.

But with Perth coach Bernd Stange looking to ice his cake it is time to leave the predictions to others.

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Nigeria clears way for South Africa as Blatter is challenged from Korea

NIGERIA withdrew its bid to host the World Cup soccer finals in 2006 to help South Africa win the right to stage the tournament, Nigerian sports minister Emeka Omeruah has said.

"Part of the military government's directive is that we should support South Africa which is also bidding for the tournament," he told a news conference.

And he added: "Various representations had been made to Nigeria by the South African people and government to support their bid to become the first African country to host the event."

"Apart from the need for Africa to speak with one voice, South Africa is an economically formidable candidate," Omeruah said.

Last month, Ghana withdrew its bid and said it was backing South Africa. Egypt also pulled out from the race but said it was rather thinking of bidding to host the Olympic Games in 2008.

Nigeria's withdrawal has narrowed the 2006 World Cup bidding candidates to Brazil, England, Germany, South Africa and African rival Morocco, which has said repeatedly it has no intention of withdrawing.

Omeruah said: "The Head of State General Abdulsalami Abubakar has directed that Nigeria should withdraw from the 2006 World Cup race."

Nigeria's pull-out comes as no great surprise following criticism from FIFA president Sepp Blatter (pictured) at the way last month's

World Youth Championships were organised in the country.

Three weeks ago Blatter said that air transport links and telecommunications in the country needed to be improved and he also expressed his disappointment at the size of the crowds watching matches.

The next deadline in the countdown is July 31 when all bids have to be formally submitted to FIFA. The final decision will be taken by FIFA's Executive Committee in March 2000.

And in other world news South Korean soccer chief Chung Mong-Joon plans to challenge Sepp Blatter for the presidency of the International Football Federation (FIFA) in 2002.

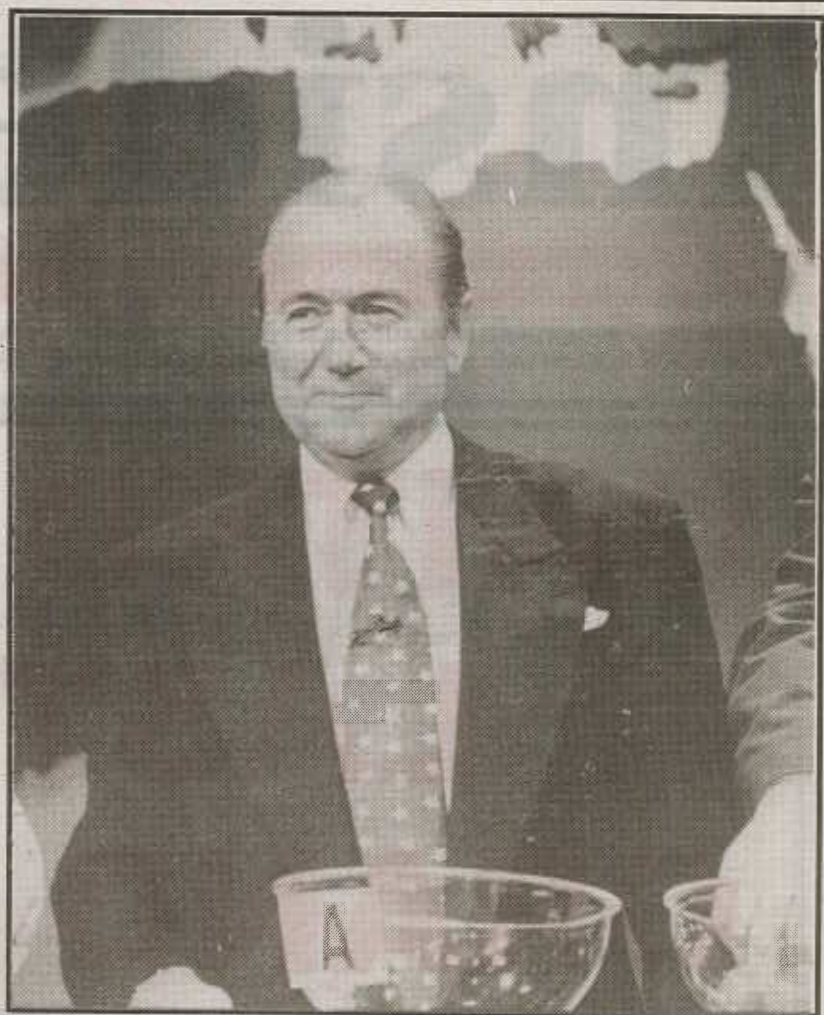
Chung, who is already

a FIFA vice president, would attempt to take soccer's top job and one of the most powerful in international sport at a congress just before his country co-hosts the World Cup finals with Japan.

The 47-year-old member of the family that runs the Hyundai industrial empire told the Korea Times that he had two major tasks for 2002 -- run for the FIFA leadership and make sure the World Cup is a success.

"I have many friends in the FIFA executive committee," said Chung, who is also a member of the South Korean parliament.

"What matters now will be how I will be able to simultaneously deal with the two events -- running



for the chairmanship and successfully hosting the World Cup," he said.

"But at present, the World Cup is more important to me," he added.

Chung was not available for further comment.

He has been trying for some time to get North Korea to agree to hold some of the 2002

World Cup matches.

But he told the Korea Times that he was not sure any more.

"I am not certain of our success but the North appears to be seriously considering the matter," he said.

Chung had earlier said North Korea had until October to reply as FIFA

could wait no longer.

He said he would visit the communist North with Blatter later this year to discuss the possibility of North Korea hosting two matches.

Chung is one of the sons of Hyundai founder Chung Ju-Yung, who ran for the presidency in 1992 but was beaten.

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Legends pay tribute to Sir Alf

By Cahal Milmo

ENGLAND'S 1966 World Cup soccer heroes gathered together last week to pay emotional tribute to the manager who led them to glory.

All but two of the surviving members of the legendary 1966 side, including Sir Bobby Charlton and hat-trick scorer Sir Geoff Hurst, attended a memorial service in Ipswich.

A congregation of more than 300 crowded into St Mary-le-Tower church in the town centre to hear Sir Bobby and 1966 team-mate George Cohen hail the proud and patriotic manager who "revolutionised" football and their lives.

Sir Alf, 79, whose widow Lady Vickie and daughter Tanya were among the mourners, was laid to rest last week.

He died at a Suffolk nursing home a fortnight ago, after a long battle against cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

Charlton, who also brought a tribute to the former national coach from FIFA president

Sepp Blatter, said Sir Alf created a family out of the 1966 side.

"What Alf created was a family that is still as strong today in feeling and belief as it was 33 years ago, when we won the World Cup. We loved him very much indeed," he said.

"He completely revolutionised the game of football for the better."

"Everyone in football has something to thank Alf Ramsey for. Winning the World Cup was the pinnacle, the highlight of our careers."

Sir Alf was a "total boss" whose focus on the task of bringing England World Cup glory was the chief source of the squad's eventual success, Sir Bobby said.

"He was a total boss. The players were left in no doubt that he was in charge and it didn't take long before we realised that if we were going to succeed that we were going to have to listen," he said.

"Alf was a complete and total winner. He wasn't interested in finishing third or second. He wanted to finish first."

Before the memorial service, which appropriately lasted 45 minutes, members of the 1966 World Cup team had entered the church together accompanied by senior figures from the footballing world.

Strikers Martin Peters and Sir Geoff Hurst whose feat of scoring three goals in a World Cup final has never been matched were among the first to enter the church, followed by Sir Bobby and Jack Charlton, tenacious defender Nobby Stiles, midfielder Alan Ball and right back George Cohen.

Left back Ray Wilson also attended the service. But goalkeeper Gordon Banks and former team-mate Roger Hunt were unable to attend because of prior commitments. Team captain Bobby Moore died of cancer in 1993. In an emotional eulogy of his former inscrutable boss, Cohen told the congregation that Sir Alf had quickly instilled the rigorous philosophy that led to victory at Wembley in 1966.

Cohen said: "Anyone who played for Alf came

quickly to the realisation that correctness in all things, both on and off the field, was the cornerstone of his philosophy."

"He established a strong bond with the players who stood before every other consideration."

"And out of that came the spirit that was evident in the teams he put out for Ipswich and for his country."

His voice cracking with emotion, the former Fulham player turned to Lady Vickie and said: "Alf was an extraordinary man. Thank you for sharing him."

Those assembled, who included former FA chairman Sir Bert Millchip, Ipswich Town chairman David Sheepshanks, and Sports Minister Tony Banks, were earlier told that Sir Alf would be remembered as the modest man who lived his life at the pinnacle of his sport, but still shunned the advantages of fame.

The Rev Peter Townley, vicar of St Mary-le-Tower, said: "Essentially a quiet and private man, Sir Alf always had

the glittering prizes in his sights.

"Yet he always avoided the bright lights. He was proud of his boys and won their enduring loyalty and respect."

Sir Alf, who became England manager in 1963 and held the position for 11 years, won 32 England caps and made 226 appearances for Tottenham Hotspur during his playing career, which ended in 1954.

As a team manager, he gained a reputation as a strict disciplinarian and was the only person on the England bench who remained firmly seated when the final whistle was blown for the 4-2 victory over West Germany.

But for the man who only accepted the England job on condition that he become the first national team manager to choose his players without orders from a selection committee, there could be only one song to end his memorial service.

The congregation, some of them openly weeping, left the church to the strains of Frank Sinatra's classic hit, My Way.

Harry is not going anywhere as Leeds make the young Aussie a soccer millionaire

By Ian Parkes

Leeds' Australian star Harry Kewell is to become one of the highest paid players in the club's history when he signs a money-spinning new deal this week worth more than Stg1 million (\$A2.5 million) a year.

Kewell is to join the £20,000-per-week brigade at Elland Road, alongside the likes of skipper Lucas Radebe, goalkeeper Nigel Martyn and midfielder David Batty.

The move ends speculation Kewell was due to quit Leeds and sign a lucrative contract with an Italian or Spanish giant, with Juventus believed to have been heading the queue with a £15million offer.

But the 20-year-old outstanding young forward is to pledge his future to Leeds as manager David O'Leary looks to challenge the dominance of Manchester United and Arsenal over the next few years and beyond.

The skilful product of the New South Wales Soccer

Academy has wowed crowds and pundits alike this season with his talent, scoring nine goals.

Chairman Peter Ridsdale, who has held talks with Kewell in recent weeks in a bid to stop the rumour-mill from turning, is delighted the youngster has agreed to stay at Leeds, believed to be for the next five years.

"Harry Kewell will be signing for a substantial period of time," admitted Ridsdale.

"Last week we offered him what I think is a very lucrative contract.

"There have been rumours flying around that Harry might be leaving for Italy or Spain, but we have had no formal bid whatsoever.

"It wouldn't have mattered if we had been offered £15 million or £20 million Harry is not for sale.

"He has three years left on his present contract, but as I say, we have offered him a very good new one."

Ridsdale also issued a stark warning to any club, be they

in the Premiership or from abroad, thinking of making a move for any of the highly-rated talent at United.

The Leeds supremo has delivered a firm "stay away" message to anybody eyeing any of O'Leary's players who have helped the club to fourth in the top flight this season and with it a place in the UEFA Cup.

He added: "If anyone wants to turn their attention to other members of the first team squad who figure in David's future plans then they will be wasting their time because they are not for sale.

"This club is all about ambition and the desire to win trophies.

"We are going to do that by keeping this team together and adding to it, not by selling our top quality players."

Ridsdale, meanwhile, has admitted Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink is staying at Elland Road despite comments from the Dutch international that he could quit the club if he is not paid what he is worth.

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VIDUKA: I NEARLY QUIT FOOTBALL

By Ken Gaunt

Mark Viduka has admitted for the first time he was the verge of quitting soccer.

The lowest point of the Australian's career came last December when he flew home to Melbourne from Glasgow after claiming he couldn't play for Celtic as he was suffering from emotional stress.

The striker said that his time in Croatia had left him traumatised and he need a rest from football.

Viduka, however, eventually returned to Parkhead after the winter break following his £3 million move from Croatia Zagreb.

The passion he found at Celtic, he admits, was scary after his experiences in Croatia.

"It was like drowning in a swimming pool, being pulled out and thrown back into it," the former Melbourne Knights player said.

"I thought about that (quitting football). A lot of things went through my mind.

"But I love football.

"It's the only thing I know and I think it is a gift God gave me."

Viduka revealed that the roots of his emotional breakdown lay in Croatia after the club's volatile fans turned against him when the goals

dried up.

"It was a painful time for me," he told Total Football magazine.

"Having always had a vision of the homeland, of Croatia, then to find out it was totally different.

"All my life I'd been kind of brainwashed by the Croatians around me in Melbourne.

"Having had such a love for that country and never seeing it before it is very hard to compare with any situation."

Viduka is listed in the Australian squad to play against the FIFA World XI in June along with fellow ex-patriot Scottish Premier League star Tony Vidmar.



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First it was 'stress', now it is over-productive saliva glands with Aussie Mark Viduka

As mental as anything

By Louise Robson

Celtic's Australian striker Mark Viduka could face a ban of up to ten weeks if the Scottish Football Association finds him guilty of exceptional misconduct for spitting at an opponent.

A spokesman for the Scottish FA said the Viduka incident would come under the spotlight at the next meeting of its disciplinary committee in July.

"The committee may choose to view Mr Viduka's behaviour as a case of exceptional player misconduct, in which case he could be called before the committee," the spokesman said.

Viduka automatically served a one match ban for his sending off 43 minutes into Celtic's 2-1 win over Dunfermline after he spat at midfielder Marc Millar.

But a separate report to



the FA by match referee Willie Young could see the former Croatia Zagreb forward sidelined for up to 10 weeks next season.

The SFA spokesman said the committee had awarded bans of up to 10 weeks in the past for misconduct offences.

Viduka yesterday became the third Celtic player to issue a public apology for unacceptable on-field conduct in the space of a week.

After the match, Viduka was forced to

apologise to Millar by Celtic's head coach Jozef Venglos.

After a meeting with club officials he issued a full public apology for his conduct.

Viduka said in a statement: "I realise I let my team-mates, supporters, the club, the management and myself down and hence I very much regret my actions."

"I have apologised to Marc Millar personally."

"The club has made it very clear my conduct was unacceptable which I

fully acknowledge.

"I very much want to put this incident behind me and get on with my career at Celtic."

Celtic confirmed that the trouble-prone Australian international had also been hit with a maximum club fine.

A club spokesman would not comment on the amount but said it equalled two week's wages for the 23-year-old star who joined Celtic in a Stg3 million (\$A7.30 million) transfer deal earlier this year.

Viduka's stint at Celtic has been marked by controversy.

He walked out and flew to Melbourne just days after signing for the club in December claiming he was suffering from stress.

But since taking his place in the team he has delivered a string of goals and eye-catching performances to win the hearts of Celtic fans.



Important win: Blanco

J-League Australian defender Hayden Foxe curled in a free kick in the second half to hand Australia a 1-0 win over Japan in an under-22 friendly soccer international in Urawa, Japan last Wednesday.

It was a stinging blow to Japan's under-22 team in their final warm-up match before the first round of the Asian qualifying tournament next month for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

A crowd of around 15,000 packed the stadium, home of J-League Club Urawa Red Diamonds.

Japan, including some of the under-20 players who finished second to Spain in the world youth championship last month, stepped up the offensive after a lacklustre first half at Komaba Stadium. After Kashima Antlers strikers Atsushi Yanagisawa and To-

moyuki Hirase both squandered good scoring chances, Foxe, a centre-back for Sanfrecce Hiroshima, chanced on a direct penalty kick in the 68th minute.

His right-foot shot from the edge of the box hooked around a Japanese wall into the net, eluding a despairing dive by Antlers goalkeeper Hitoshi Sogahata.

Japan's coach Philippe Troussier called in Kashima teenager Masashi Motoyama to beef up their side's attacks but he could hardly penetrate the thick Australian defence.

Nine minutes from time Lucas Neill broke down the right side of the field, only to see his cross deflected by a defender onto the post.

Then in the 82nd minute, Hirase headed a right cross from Kashima Reysol midfielder Tomokazu Myojin but the ball

flew straight into Australian keeper Peter Zois.

Australian Olyroo Coach Raul Blanco started with seven of his overseas based players, three of whom had only flown into Japan on the Tuesday, with the teams battling to a nil-all scoreline at the half-time break.

"I place tremendous importance on this victory," said Blanco after the game.

"The team has been pulled together at the last minute, with five players coming in from Europe on Monday, and another three players only joining the squad at lunchtime yesterday."

"Taking into consideration the extremely short preparation, the boys played very well, and this was a very good victory, keeping in mind this same Japanese team beat Argentina 1-nil recently."

Give the kids a go says Bozza

MARK Bosnich has declared himself available for Australia in next year's Sydney Olympic Games soccer tournament but says he'd rather a promising youngster got the job.

Bosnich, keenly sought as he finishes a long stint with English Premier league club Aston Villa, said he wouldn't be able to look the regular Olyroo goalkeeper in the eye if he was called in for the Olympics after missing the lead up games.

"I have made myself available to the powers that be but I've also said, and I've maintained this from the start - I've been to one Olympic Games in Barcelona," Bosnich told Channel Seven's Sportsworld.

"Though I'd dearly love to play in Sydney I would like the opportunity for a young kid who's trying to make his way in the game to play in the Olympic Games so he could perhaps further himself."

"I've already had that opportunity and it has borne (sic) fruit for me."

Soccer at the Olympics is an under-23 competi-



tion but countries are allowed three over-age players, allowing entry of drawcard world stars like Bosnich.

But Bosnich said it would be extremely awkward to come into the campaign late, as he'd undoubtedly have to.

"I would hate the feeling of somebody who has played in all the lead-up games, to see me arrive at

the last minute and take the glory as such.

"I wouldn't be able to look that person in the eye."

Bosnich has been tipped as a front runner to take over from Peter Schmeichel at Manchester United next season.

The Olympic Games is considered unimportant compared to the big European weekly soccer

competitions and it would not surprise if Bosnich's new club was reluctant to let him play in Sydney 2000 anyway.

Leeds United has done so with young Australian star Harry Kewell on several Soccerroo outings although he will play the Olympics.

But the thought of teaming up with Kewell and the rest of Australia's best against a FIFA All Stars side to officially open Stadium Australia here next month soon had Bosnich talking positively.

"It will be fantastic. I've seen the squad named by FIFA and it's a mouth-watering prospect," he said. "Injuries permitting, I think this will be the best Australian side we'll ever have together, maybe with the exception of the Iran game."

"I've spoken to all the Australian players and everybody's really looking forward to it."

"I've never known as much interest for a friendly game."

"It should be a great occasion and I just hope the Australia people come out and support us."

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL played in Urawa, Japan

JAPAN Under-23s 0

AUSTRALIAN Under-23s 1 (Hayden Foxe 70)

AUSTRALIA: Peter Zois, Raphael Bove, Simon Colosimo, Hayden Foxe, Steve Laybutt, Tansel Baser (Chris Coyne 81), Vince Grella, Lucas Neill (Zeljko Susa 87), Bill Damianos (Nick Carle 72), Archie Thompson (Kasey Wehrman 55), Brett Emerton. COACH: Raul Blanco

I'm not ready to pack it in yet: Arnie

By Ted Simmons

FORMER Socceroo and now Northern Spirit player-coach Graham Arnold has thrown his boots away but it doesn't signal the end of his on-field performances.

Arnold took off his football boots and threw them to the crowd after newcomers Spirit were eliminated from the Ericsson Cup semi-finals 2-1 by Marconi.

"It's not the end of my playing career - I just wanted to get rid of a pair of losing boots," Arnold said.

"This has been a long year for me and I need a break.

"My body is so tired and I'll see how I pull up at the end of the off-season.

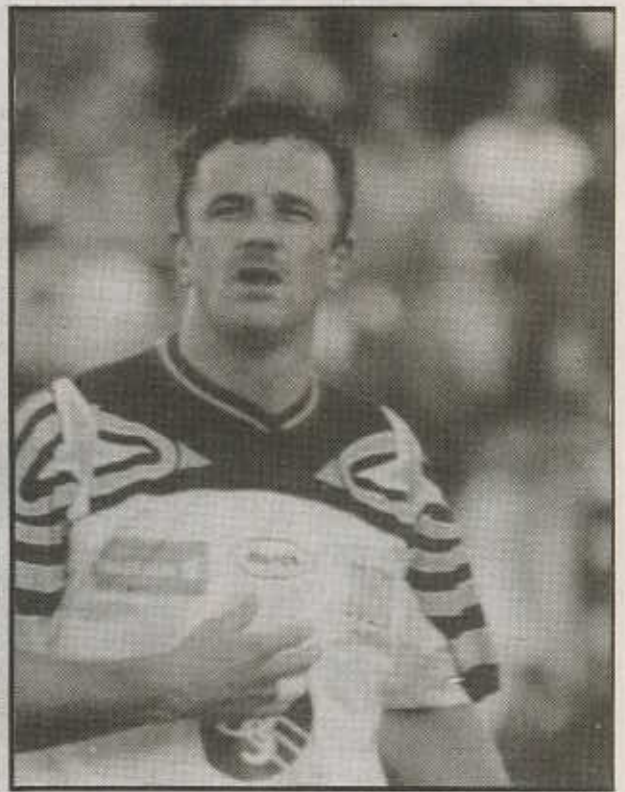
"I'll be having talks with the club but I know my playing career is coming to an end and my concentration will switch to coaching.

"Hopefully I'll still play next season."

Arnold, in his first stint



Northern Spirit: lost out in the finals race to Marconi



Graham Arnold: threw his boots away but won't pack it in

as a coach, produced a remarkable effort in taking a first year club to the semi-finals.

In addition, the Spirit has rocked the more established clubs by attracting record crowds for club competition matches, rivalled only by the enthusiasm of Perth

Glory.

Another club bonus has been the introduction of apprentices with Arnold and fellow Socceroo Robbie Slater leading the teaching of the youngsters.

"One of the biggest positives has been the young players who have

come through - Matthew Langdon, Paul Henderson, Michael Cunico and Tony Faria," Arnold said.

"They have learned so much and been nursed through their matches as part of our plan.

"The club has a three year programme. I'm not

here for one year and hope to be with the Spirit for a long time."

Arnold described Marconi as his jinx team, losing on a penalty shootout the last time he played against them in a finals series.

But he had plenty of praise for another Soc-

ceroo, Frank Farina and his effort as Marconi coach.

"He has to be given credit. Earlier this season, critics said Marconi wouldn't make the Top Six and now he's in the last four," he said.

"The rivalry which has developed between the

clubs is good for Sydney football and Australian soccer will be the winner.

"I'm very proud of the Spirit players. We've come a long way in a short time. Marconi and Sydney United are still in the finals and I'd like to see the trophy come back to Sydney."



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A Blonde Spicy Midfielder
IT was great to hear of the revamped World Club Championships which could be the best thing for football since Perth Glory joined the league.

Although I imagine some of the English and European teams will consider it a pain in the anal orifice until the monetary gains add up.

What an ideal opportunity it was though to make winning the league something of substance.

Instead, due to one bad game, Sydney United could miss out and Northern Spirit (hopefully) or Adelaide qualify (oh well, never mind – Ed).

Don't get me wrong I think the Top Six play-offs are a good idea for an end of season competition but to me it's a bit like winning the English

FA Cup as opposed to the Premier League.

Great to win it but not a patch on being League Champions.

It's also been interesting reading of the possible new team in Adelaide and change of name for Carlton although I think that's been knocked on the head now.

Melbourne United and Adelaide United, eh?

Well they must have spent weeks thinking those names up.

Do they really think their going to attract a bit of British support by sticking United in the name?

Being a Pom, I can think of a few Man City or Sunderland fans who might not be too happy chanting 'United'.

Wake up!

You've got a couple of fine

geographical features to name a team after.

How about say Yarrabank or Yarraside?

Even River Yarra (it works in Argentina) or Yarra River FC (I can feel a sixties tune chant coming on for that on).

Just to finish, having read L Robinson's letter of St Kilda (4.5.99); if Mike Cockerill is a good football journalist, I'm a blonde attacking midfielder engaged to a very spicy looking pop star.

Come on you Spirit.

P Dempster
Balgowlah, NSW

Cool Harry

IT WAS interesting to read Harry Kewell's new column in the Sunday Telegraph, on Anzac Day.

The youngster seems to have his head screwed on right with

his hopes and aspirations for the future.

His life isn't my cup of tea I must admit, no social life and no girl chasing, are we sure he really is an Aussie.

He wishes to experience football life on the European Continent, at sometime in the future anyway.

Away from England, possibly in the Serie A in Italy.

He does assure us though, that he will honour the three remaining years of his contract with Leeds United.

I hope he can stick to this promise.

But with the lure of the big money available in Italy and Spain, and no personal attachments to keep him in Leeds, apart from the occasional game of golf with a few team mates, it will be tough.

Any way I will be looking forward to seeing him in action against the FIFA World XI on June 12.

However, like a lot of soccer fans in Australia, I don't live within public transport distance of Stadium Australia.

I hope to be glued to my TV set, no matter who is broadcasting it.

That is if it will be live on free to air TV.

There seem to be a lot about the night, that we the general public are being kept in the dark about.

The sooner the two teams are finally announced the better.

Danny Stapleton
Cooma, NSW

Fresh Air

INSIDE Soccer is like a

breath of fresh air to the Soccer Scene.

Coverage of the game is excellent (second to none) and if I remember correctly you were responsible for putting together the Sydney United match day programme which I immensely enjoyed.

Keep up the good work. A quick question.

Is Sebastian Sinozic (defender) still with the Wolves as I did read somewhere that there was a falling out with the coach and is he playing for any team in the State League?

David Jehnic
Illawong, NSW

(Sebastian is currently negotiating with Wollongong for next season.

He is not playing State League football.

Yes, we did the Sydney United match day mag – as well as, at various times, South Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney Olympic, Morwell Falcons and Marconi.

We also did programmes for the Socceroos, Olyroos and a few State League Cup and League Grand Finals also.

I am glad that we are giving some reading pleasure. – Ed).



Mike Smith: missing from the Marconi line up which went down in Perth.

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United on track for treble

by Mike Collett

Manchester United clinched the English premier league title on a day of high drama fighting back to beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 at Old Trafford after conceding an early goal.

United, who will tour Australia in July, stayed on course to win a treble of English league, FA Cup and European Cup, finishing with 79 points from 38 matches, one point clear of deposed champion Arsenal, which finished on 78 points after beating Aston Villa 1-0 at Highbury.

Tottenham had stunned Old Trafford into silence when Les Ferdinand scored after 25 minutes with an opportunistic flick that went over goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, playing his last match at home for the Reds.

United came back strongly but had to wait until the 42nd minute when David Beckham powered an angled drive past Ian Walker.

Substitute Andy Cole, who came on at halftime for former Tottenham striker Teddy Sheringham, lobbed Walker from close range after 47 minutes and that goal effectively secured United's fifth title in seven seasons and its first to be decided at Old Trafford since the mid-1960s.

United manager Alex Ferguson could hardly contain his joy afterwards, but

admitted it was a very tense afternoon.

"When we went a goal behind that was the nature of Manchester United. We make things difficult for ourselves, but all credit to the players who responded magnificently."

Cole added: "I think I scored with my first touch after coming on and it was really special.

"I can't see why we can't go on and win all three. We are strong enough, we have the spirit, I think we can do it."

Beckham, who scored United's first, said: "The worst happened as we went 1-0 down, but we knew we could get back in the game. We had a lot of chances but we didn't put them away until I scored and after that things settled down."

Arsenal's 1-0 win over Villa was not enough to keep the championship at Highbury –

although it would have been if Tottenham had scored a second at Old Trafford.

Arsenal's goal came from Nigerian substitute Nwankwo Kanu from close range after 66 minutes, and the unusual situation developed at Arsenal where its fans were willing for Spurs to score a goal at Manchester.

Manager Arsene Wenger said: "I would like to congratulate Manchester United. They have had a great season, but I am very proud of my players too.

"We got 78 points the same as last year but unfortunately it was not enough. I was just concentrating on winning the match today, 1-0 could have been enough for us, but it was not to be.

"I feel like we have lost a marathon race by one yard and we came back very strongly today after losing to Leeds in the week."

Murphy on the move

Former Perth Italia player Shaun Murphy has left West Bromwich Albion by mutual consent after contract negotiations failed.

The 28 year-old defender was signed from Notts County in late 1996 and made 67 senior starting appearances, scoring 7 goals.

He's been linked with clubs in England, Holland, and Israel. Murphy also played with Heidelberg United in the NSL and was a Barcelona Olympian.



Bruce Campbell

IT'S ONLY AN OPINION

I DIDN'T want to mention it all, but feel almost compelled. Maybe it is those gremlins in my soul, you know the ones who used to MAKE me publish Page 3 girls in a previous incarnation of *Inside Soccer*.

To tell the truth, I actually LIKED the Page 3 series – but then that was the old me, the insensitive, sexist, bigoted, fascist pig.

Now that I am a sensitive new age writer (SNAW for short, although in Scotland that is something that you might make snowmen out of) I am past all that banal kind of stuff.

Instead, I am looking for the real, meaningful essence of life – you know; football is life, football is more serious than life or death, that kind of Shanklyism stuff.

I wonder what Bill would have thought of it all? – poor

Newcastle Breakers, it seems that they can't turn a trick.

Chairman Bill Collins did his best to conceal his plans to bring in a new major stakeholder.

He gave the media the kind of body swerve which would have put Georgie Best to shame.

Now, in the old days we would have a super sleuth hiding in Bill's toilet, lurking around his rose bush and sifting through his garbage to get an inkling of who the players were.

But now that we are all SNAW we don't do that kind of thing.

It's a pity because it was always full of laughs, if not the occasional raised temperature.

Instead we abide by the good manners and professionalism for which we have now become famous – if not just a

tad more boring.

Simply put, we ask questions.

If a person declines to answer us then that is fine.

If they care to say 'no comment' that is OK too.

After all the Breakers have the same right to privacy that any other business has.

Why should they splash their business all over the front pages?

But the truth is that everybody and his cat knew what was going on.

The official response was 'we don't know who the identity of the buyer is'.

We all had a good laugh over that one because everyone knew who it was.

Sure, 'Georgie' Collins threw a couple of body swerves, sure there were a few red herrings like David Hill's appearances at Breakers matches.

But by and large we all knew.

We knew because 'someone' involved in the organisation couldn't hold his water.

And after we printed the story some months ago that was it as far as *Inside Soccer* was concerned.

Not so the Newcastle media, apparently.

Some of them have got pretty hot under the collar by the failure of Mr Collins and

his board to come clean.

I can sympathise a bit, especially after one of our journalists received a phone call asking him to dilute his story on the subject to maintain a couple of confidences.

Having done just that you might have thought that our editorial office would have received a quick phone call when the deed was done.

We didn't, the Newcastle media didn't either and they decided to take the huff and tell everybody.

Being the now-reborn SNAW that I am we don't do things like that in Corrimal.

Instead we respect that maybe Mr Collins isn't a SNAP (sensitive new age

chairman) or that the Breakers aren't a SNAT (sensitive new age team).

Why should they now tell anything to the same media whom they asked to maintain a level of confidence?

You might also ask who the hell cares anyway?

Certainly not this SNAW editor.

I only mention the case out of respect for one of my Northern NSW colleagues – and the fact that I am struggling for a better topic.

It's bloody hard being the editor of a SNAW publication; after all, we aren't allowed to talk about the real dirt, the real juice that goes on in the game.

Personally, I live for the day when the Page 3 Girls queue up outside my door again for my personal appraisal.

After all we did print Rowanna Leigh who was Miss Nude Australia.

I only got to see the pics, Andrew Dawson was the lucky swine – he got to do the photo shoot!

In truth, I don't like being a SNAW, I would rather tell the world what I really think.

Instead, I am consigned to being eternally polite and thoughtful for the concerns of others.

Even to the point of being thoughtful for the guys in the Newcastle media.

After all, now that they have been offended by Mr Collins would they real like it if *Inside Soccer* concealed confidences about the Breakers again?

Not likely. being a SNAW editor sure brings with a heavy responsibility

WELCOME THE KIWIS

NOW THAT Auckland Kings are in next season's NSL, I would like to welcome them to the greatest football competition in Oceania.

There are a lot of mixed feelings about their entry but that should all be swept aside now and put away in the best interests of the game.

They are in and everyone needs to pull together to make it a raging success.

have a feeling that it will be just that.

Nice one, Robbie

IT IS that time to look for highlights in the season, time to sit down and consider your favourite player.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see our voting coupon for you to name the best team in Australia.

I might just chip in some of my own favourites as a starting point.

Kresimir Marusic is a first rate player who has really shone for Spirit in their inaugural season.

But increasingly the performances of Robbie Slater have impressed me.

I thought that the Bulldog might have been a bit past his use-by-date when he came back to Oz.

I even though that he might get fed up with being kicked by players not good enough to lace his boots and do a mid-season exit.

Not a bit of it, though.

He has played so well that I am sure he has become a real candidate for the Players Player of the Year.

I am sure that he will also figure prominently in your thoughts and voting.

As usual Paul Trimboli has been Mr Ever Consistent and Jason Petkovic has had a top season too.

It is always an interesting subject and I look forward to seeing the returns which reflect the opinions of the soccer public.

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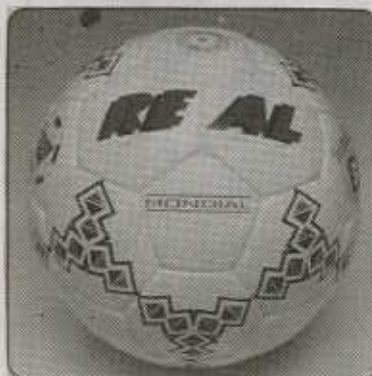
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THE 1999 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TOP SIX

Sydney United has fought its way back from the brink of extinction twice.

This season that fight-back has seen them landed on the platform as League Premiers.

Now they have the ultimate prize in sight, the 1999 NSL Championship.

by Bruce Campbell

WHOEVER wins the 1999 NSL Grand Final one thing is certain, Sydney United have proven beyond all doubt that they are epitome of the image of the traditional Aussie battler.

Down and out just weeks before the league hit the half way point the major concern at the time was to ensure that they would reach the crucial mid point stage.

Failure to do that would see all of their matches expunged from the record – something that hasn't happened in Australian soccer since 1987 when Sydney City withdrew with the league barely weeks old.

An administrator had been appointed and things for the west Sydney side looked ominous.

Curiously enough it didn't look that bad on the field.

The side were maintaining their hold on a Top Six spot and, despite almost daily predictions of their eventual demise, they hung on.

The results just kept on coming and by the end of the season they were League Premiers, pipping favourites South Melbourne to the winner's post.

On the playing side there was no doubt about the reason.

Two words summed up most answers; Davie Mitchell.

That's a bit simplistic, but Mitchell must receive a lion's share of the plaudits for his ability to hold together a side which was built on a shoe string and then survived without even the sniff of the cliched oily rag.

His assistant Laurie McKinna has also proven his own abilities and should Mitchell move on to the Socceroo coaching staff, as has

United, title contenders but still looking for some leadership



Sydney United: 1999 National Soccer League premiers

been widely predicted, then McKinna would be a raging hot favourite to step into his

first senior coaching position.

A little fly in the ointment might be Parramatta, should the Leagues club bid for NSL membership be accepted, because the word is that McKinna is on their shortlist also.

Off the field the reason for survival is just as simple; the dedication of a small but devoted band of officials.

One of them is Marijan Devic, a former committee member who found himself back for another stint at the club he has supported all his life.

"I don't know, I must be mad," he admitted.

"It is a hard job but there is

then some.

He is also quick to point out the job that the club's coaching duo has performed.

"Without a doubt," he says.

"Mitchell and McKinna have saved this club – there is no doubt about that.

"The respect that they get from everyone at this club, from players right the way through to backroom staff, is immense.

"But they deserve every bit of it.

"And if Mitch does get the Socceroo job then we won't stand in his way.

"Everybody connected with this club sees that him being mentioned for such a top posi-

tion," says Devic.

"Sydney United has played a big part in Australia soccer

and I am sure that the club will still be there next season.

"But people in the game should spend less time telling us about our problem and more time trying to give us leadership.

"We have problems at this club, we know that, but the game as a whole needs leadership.

"Australian soccer needs some kind of direction.

"And at the present we just aren't getting it.

"Soccer Australia needs to get its own house in order and then the whole game will be in

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"People in the game should spend less time telling us about our problem and try to give us leadership."

always hope.

"When I came back onto the committee I had two objectives.

"First was to make sure that the players got paid and the second was just to see the club through until the end of the season.

"If either of those two had failed to happen it would have just been devastating.

"We have achieved that and I am still here.

"I'd like to stay on for more but I am going overseas next year so we will have to wait and see what happens."

Devic has garnered a lot of respect in the game for his straight shooting style, his unwillingness to compromise and his integrity.

Some might say that they are rare in a soccer club administrator but he has all that and

tion is good for us as well.

"But I am delighted for him and I hope that he gets it.

"Laurie McKinna would carry on the good work, I have no doubt about that."

Sydney United suffered badly under the David Hill regime, to the point where they were out of the league.

Only legal action brought them back into the fold.

This time round it was a lack of cash which forced them to the wall.

But once again they have fought their way back, the Aussie battlers.

Ironically they possess all of the famed Australian fighting spirit while the previous ASF administration thought that they weren't Australian enough, maybe too much of a Croatian niche club.

"We're proud of our heri-

a better state."

His comments may cause a ripple down Driver Avenue way but there will be a lot of nodding heads throughout the country at the same time.

In the past his name would have likely been pencilled into a book somewhere with a vendetta to be settled at a later stage.

There are many that think Sydney United has already suffered too much from that kind of treatment.

But Devic's sentiments aren't so much a stinging attack at the game's administration but rather a recognition of what is really wrong at the top end. It is also a cry for help.

It would be a sad day indeed if a team with so much history was to go to the wall.

Australian soccer would be the loser also.

THE 1999 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TOP SIX

Edwards: Glory, the most professional club other than Rangers

by Stuart Jones

ALASTAIR Edwards returned to Perth on a wave of publicity out west yet his return was hardly noticed on the East coast.

Within a few matches he had changed that as he became a regular goal scorer, contributing in a big way to the revival of the Glory.

Now that the regular season is over Alistair Edwards can look back on the changes of the NSL over the years from the perspective of a player.

Edwards says: "The standard is very good and has improved a great deal from the mid 90s. Saying that I would have to say around the 1988, '89 and '90 mark the high spots of the NSL in terms of quality on the park.

"It was just after then that the majority of players left for overseas.

"The style was a lot more physical back then,

today it is much more technical and players want to play a flowing game of football. The Top Six this season are really outstanding though, along with Sydney Olympic.

"They all certainly play a great game and could compete very well against the best in Malaysia for example.

"The games over there may not be as fast paced (due to the heat) but they can be just as competitive.

"Today the youngsters that came in at an earlier stage, because so many of the quality lads are overseas, have really come of age.

"They play a good style of football and there are a couple of reasons that stand out for that.

"The first is Ron Smith's work at the AIS has really helped develop the players.

"The second is the impact that the lads coming back from playing over-

seas have made.

"The same guys who left in the late 80s early 90s are now returning and passing on their experience to the young players of today.

"The Mitchells, Krncevics and Farinas have been a great asset for the game."

Edwards has returned to an NSL where more and more full time football is being introduced, something unheard of when he left Australia in the early 90s, and even unusual when he left Olympic second time around just a couple of years back.

"Full time football makes players a lot sharper and stronger," he says.

"Obviously training so often helps the physical side of the game.

"Then again I guess Sydney United make a mockery of that whole case, but overall full time football means you can recuperate more easily

and you can concentrate on the game you are about to play.

"Apart from Rangers I think Perth has the best full time set up that I have been involved with.

"We have the dieticians, physios etc. Even our training strips are waiting for us when we arrive.

"In fact all we need to take to training is our boots and Berndt is even thinking about changing that!

"We do not have training facilities yet but the club are looking at that.

"However when comparing that Rangers do not have a separate training facility yet either."

The revolution hasn't only been on the field at Perth, but also off it.

"On the park we have made the finals and in the end that is what playing football in Australia is all about," says the much-travelled Edwards.

"We also have the huge incentive of the World

Club Championship, and if you do well there you can really step up as a club side.

"Off the park Glory is getting bigger and bigger.

"We are now the number two club behind the (AFL) Eagles in WA.

"The potential out there is still enormous. Yes, we sold out a 28,000 capacity but had we had a 40,000-50,000 stadium we would have sold that out, I am certain.

"It is an entertainment thing, a Glory game. People, families come two or three hours before as we have concerts, clowns, carnival events etc.

"It is an event not just a match.

"Our marketing people have been picked up as the best from WA and are fully dedicated to advancing the Glory.

"As players we are constantly doing promotions, at least six hours a week.

"Our coaching clinics see kids turned away,

they are so popular.

"We have fabulous supporters in Perth. They are from a wide spectrum of communities representing Perth as a whole.

"I have been in the crowd when I first came back from Malaysia and there were people in Juventus shirts, Croatian tops etc. The Anglo Saxons have their part of the hill.

"Even our owners represent the multicultural face of the city, one being of Greek decent, the other Italian. They have tried from day one to appeal to a wide range of spectators and have been successful at it."

With the example of the two-club AFL there has been talk of a second club out of WA.

"In some ways it would be good because there are a lot of players in Perth who can not make it for the Glory," adds Edwards.

"However, I think it would become like the

Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers. Glory would always be the big brother, they would always gain the best of the players and have the majority of support being more established.

"At the moment I would like to see just how big the club can get. We are only restricted by the fact we do not have a bigger ground.

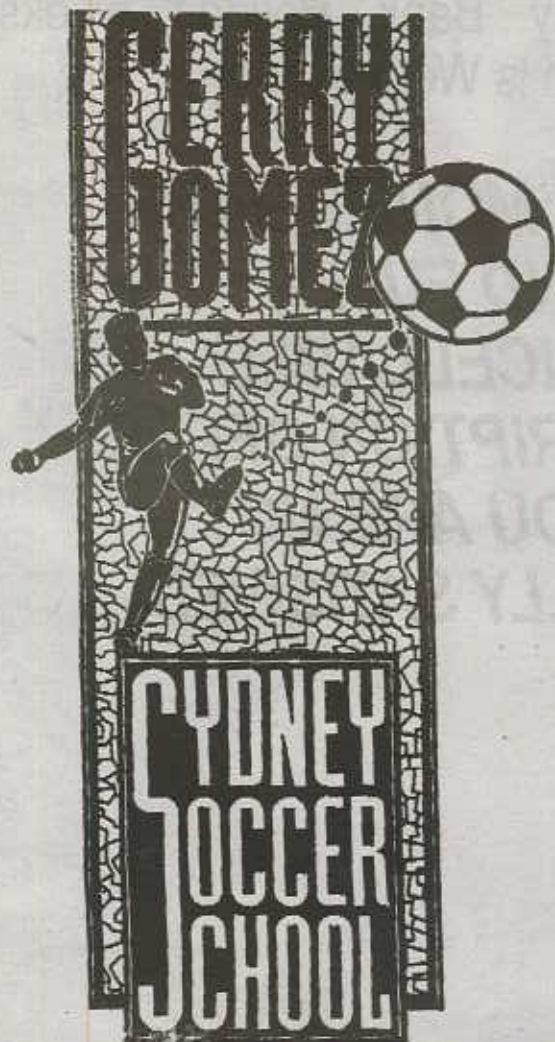
"Had the Western Reds still been playing we may well have had a purpose built stadium but we have not got one yet.

"There is plenty of pressure on the government to build one over here but we are a private club so perhaps that is going against us a bit.

"However, with a new stadium the tourist dollars and other benefits would flow back to the state (then Man Utd could play here as an example).

"Every day there is a louder campaign but it will take a while."

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THE 1999 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TOP SIX

Ardone could be amongst line-up of overseas targets

By Chris Lines

WALTER Ardone (pictured) returned to the heart of the Sydney United midfield for last Sunday's NSL major semi-final return leg against South Melbourne, after suprisingly remaining on the bench in the 2-1 first leg loss.

Ardone put in a man of the match performance but it wasn't enough to see the side through to the Grand Final after a 0-0 draw with the reigning champions.

Concern over a groin strain meant Ardone was left out of the first leg as United coach David Mitchell opted for a more defensive line-up, choosing left back Michael Santalab as a replacement.

"I said I was not going



to play a full game, and he said he was not going to take a chance that I wouldn't see out the game and we might go a bit more defensive," Ardane said.

The well-travelled midfielder, who had previous stints with Sydney Olympic, Heidelberg and Parramatta Eagles in the national league and with Malacca in the Malaysian

league said he was not thinking of his future next year.

Despite United's on-field success, it had experienced a financial crisis this season with players going without pay at stages and the future of the club and its playing staff was uncertain.

While Ardane said he hadn't spoken to his agent about plans beyond the

finals series, both the United and South Melbourne line-ups were likely to be prime candidates for raids by overseas clubs.

While South coach Ang Postecoglou was resigned to losing more players at the conclusion of the season, he said there was no danger of his team members having their mind anywhere but on the play-offs.

"We've been working for ten months to be where we are now. If anything, the focus is more firmly on what we are going to do in the next two or three weeks."

"If we're successful this year I have no doubt we will lose a couple of players overseas. So some of the players will probably be playing here for the last time," he said.



Farina proud of his battlers; Stange ready to ice the cake

By Scott Coghlan

"I WAS very proud of the way the players battled and fought hard," said Marconi coach Frank Farina after his side had been eliminated from the Top 6 by Perth Glory.

"I thought Perth defensively were very strong."

"We targeted them with set pieces, but I thought (Tony) Franken was quite outstanding."

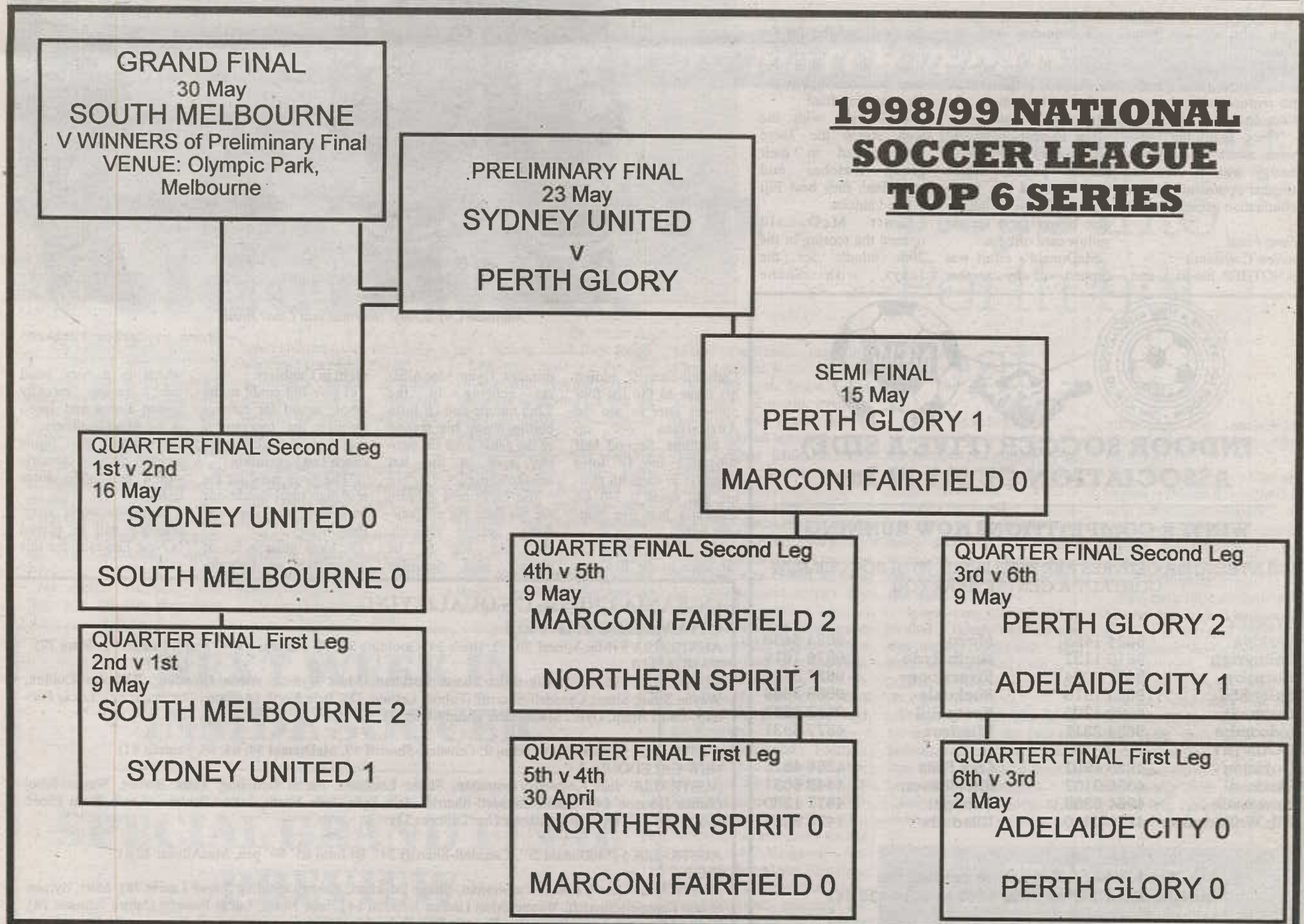
Perth's Jamie Harnwell had the tough job on canny veteran Francis Awaritefe and gave the 35-year-old little room to move, resulting in a string of first half fouls to the Stallions striker.

Harnwell stuck to his task to be a clear winner and it was also his chip shot on goal that produced the corner from which Perth scored.

Perth coach Bernd

Stange was thrilled with the win but reminded his players there were two more wins needed for a championship.

"We baked a cake this season and now we have to make icing on the cake," he said. "It is in our hands. We can eat the cake and we are happy, but we are waiting for icing. Maybe we make the cake a little bit more beautiful."



Joeys march on to face Bahrain

v Vanuatu

THE Australian Under 17 soccer side continued its top scoring form with a 9-0 win over Vanuatu in the Oceania qualifying rounds on Wednesday.

Once again the Joeys blitzed their opponents to complete a clean sweep of the preliminary group rounds.

Dylan MacAllister began the scoring in the 20th minute and completed his double in the second half, with other doubles being posted by Aaron Goulding and Lucas Pantelis.

"I am happy with the team's performance and we go into the semi-finals without injury or any yellow card worries," coach Les Scheinflug said.

"I'm quietly confident

another big score saw the Joeys through to the Final of the Oceania Qualifying Championship in Fiji.

15-year-old striker Scott McDonald added his name to the previous Joey hat-trick heroes as Australia thrashed New Caledonia 8-nil to set up a meeting in the final with Fiji.

The Joeys opened the score-line in the 3rd minute, Jade North picking up a through ball from his Brisbane Strikers team-mate Wayne Srhoj to put Australia on the board.

Six minutes later it was Srhoj's turn to bag a goal, the Joeys taking a 2-nil score-line into the half-time break.

Shane Cansdell-Sherriff put Australia up 3-nil just

goal to North, with Lucas Panteli finishing off the scoring for the Joeys in the 81st minute.

"We had another slow start but once we got used to the concrete ground we were able to settle down and improved dramatically," said Scheinflug after the game.

"The boys didn't go flat out because the opposition didn't demand it, but the final against Fiji is going to be much tougher."

Right back Radoslav Culibrk was a late omission from the side, the 16-year-old sidelined with a stomach virus.

Final v Fiji

The Australian under-17 soccer team advanced to



Adelaide City's Joey international Louis Brain

Photo by Carlos Furtardo

Australia's path to the final:

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Wed 5 May	v Cook Islands	WON 8-0
Fri 7 May	v American Samoa	WON 15-0
Mon 10 May	v Vanuatu	WON 9-0
Wed 12 May	v New Caledonia (semi final)	WON 8-0
Fri 14 May	v Fiji (Final)	WON 5-0

their form will see them through. We have no injury worries and no card worries, and there's no reason we can't continue on with this form.

"Once again the boys were asked to conserve energy with a view to tougher opposition in the elimination games."

Semi Final

v New Caledonia

ANOTHER hat-trick and

four minutes into the second half, with McDonald then proving to be an inspired half time substitution by coach Les Scheinflug.

The 15-year-old scored his hat-trick within a 14 minute period, which also included the sending-off of a New Caledonian player for a second yellow card offence.

McDonald's effort was capped off by another

the final qualifier for the junior world championships with a solid win over host nation Fiji the Oceania zone final.

In keeping with the high scores the Joeys have posted in their group matches and semi-final, they beat Fiji 5-0 in Lautoka.

Scott McDonald opened the scoring in the 20th minute for the Joeys, with Shane



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Cansdell-Sherriff adding his name to the list four minutes later to see the Australians 2-0 up at halftime. Second half substitute Joe Di Iorio came on in the 60th minute and made it 3-0 for Australia just five minutes later.

The icing was put on the cake in the final ten

minutes, Dylan MacAllister scoring in the 82nd minute and Di Iorio putting away his second of the game from the penalty spot in the last minute of play.

The Joeys now prepare for the final leg of qualifying, against Bahrain, the first leg to be played next Saturday

night in Canberra.

"I give full credit to the whole squad for coming through the tournament the way they did," said coach Les Scheinflug.

"The boys handled the less than ideal conditions very well, and deserved their victory."

"I have quite a lot of information on Bahrain,

which is a very good side, having recently beaten Korea and Japan in the Asian qualifiers.

"They're no lightweight and we certainly won't be taking them lightly."

The junior world championship will be played in New Zealand later this year.

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AUSTRALIA 9 (MacAllister 20, 52, Brain 34, Goulding 35, 90, Pantelis 39, 49 (pen), Lettieri 72, Srhoj 77)
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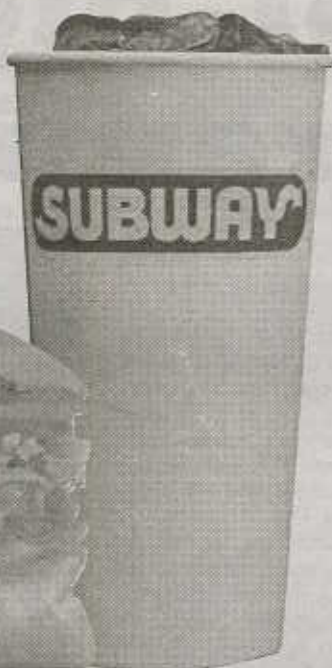
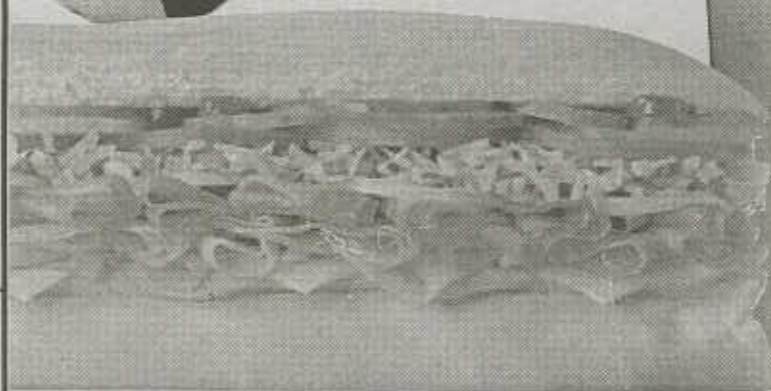
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VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE UPDATE

Mixed feelings after former NSL big guns draw in Premier League

by Bert van Bedaf

THERE were mixed feelings in the Sunshine dressing room after the Georgies drew 1-1 with title aspirant Preston at the Connor Reserve last Sunday.

This is a lean season for the Georgies, who like their opponent once drew big crowds in the national league, but unlike high-flying Preston are staring a stint in division one of the State League squarely in the face.

The Georgies played with their backs to wall for virtually 90 minutes.

Preston did all the attacking, taking 22 corners against Sunshine's single corner kick for the match.

Yet, the Georgies took the lead on the counter two minutes into the second half.

They had Steve Stojanovski sent off on the hour for a bad tackle on and abusive language towards Sasho Slaveski.

They held on until the 88th minute, when Preston equalised.

It was a hard-fought point, but it could have been a win.

Three points would have lifted them off the bottom of the Victorian Premier League ladder and into contention to escape relegation.

Player-coach John Kanesoulis said: "When Stojanovski was sent off, we were digging in and I suppose in the end we should be happy with the draw."

"But we wanted it (a win)."

"The boys realise that every game is a crunch game."

"There wasn't much between us and them."

"But we were the underdogs, so we decided let's take the game to them."

"Don't write us off yet."

"We'll be there, fighting until the end."

Kanesoulis had put himself on the bench, leaving the organisation of the backline to veteran player Robert Krajacic.

A former Heidelberg, Bulleen and St Albans player, Krajacic marshalled Sunshine's defence from the sweeper position, as well as clearing a Deny Lisolaski header off the line in the 55th minute.

Ivan Filipovski opened Preston's assault with three shots on target.

Sunshine keeper Steve Wardle saved twice, in the tenth and 22nd minutes, while the third attempt in the 21st minute went over the bar.

The Lions continued to press, but they lacked directness and needed too many passes to put their chances away, giving the Sunshine defence enough opportunity to clear.

They also badly missed top striker Warren Spink, forced to warm the bench with an achilles injury.

Sunshine took the lead on the counter in the 47th minute.

Alfonso Opazo received the ball from a clearance, eluded two Preston defenders, took on keeper Lou Acevski and struck home with a shock opening goal.

Anthony Magnacca, back

from the Canberra Cosmos, nearly doubled the lead a minute later.

But his clever free-kick hit the apex of goal, at the top of the left upright and the crossbar.

Stojanovski's crude tackle on Slaveski in the 60th minute would have earned him a yellow card.

But according to referee Alan Contini, Stojanovski also verbally abused Slaveski, which prompted Contini immediately to show him the red card.

"He committed a foul and then used abusive language," Contini said afterwards.

"He gave the player a mouthful."

"It was a straight red."

Wardle had an outstanding game in goal for Sunshine.

Preston forward Kamer Simsek stood eye-to-eye with Wardle in the 62nd, 75th and 80th minutes, but found Wardle in his way.

Wardle also pushed a shot by Anthony Burlak for one of Preston's countless corners in the 71st.

He denied Tony Talevski's shot in the 85th and saved a Filipovski shot in the 86th.

Finally, in the 88th minute, the Lions got their equaliser.

Lisolaski drove the ball back into attack with a low shot from 25 metres and Tony Ujgunovski side-footed it into the net.

Preston had two more chances, but Talevski's low header was cleared a minute from normal time, while Chris Emsovski blasted the ball over

Calling it quits?



by Bruce Campbell

WESTVALE striker Lachlan Armstrong may call it quits after visiting a specialist recently. The well travelled forward, with spells at Dundee in Scotland, Gippsland Falcons, Malacca in Malaysia and Canberra Cosmos, set a new all-time scoring record in Victorian senior State League football last season when he blasted 31 goals in Westvale's promotion year.

"I saw a specialist to get some loose cartilage cleared up in my knee," said Armstrong, son of South Melbourne icon Jimmy Armstrong. But it appears that two bones are rubbing together. Obviously there is a problem training and playing hard on a leg like that so I might have to call it a day, at least at this level. But I am hoping that after a long lay off that I will be back again."

That lay off might be the entire season and there is little doubt that relegation candidates Westvale are missing the lively forward - badly.

the bar four minutes into time added-on from the 22nd and final corner.

IN OTHER results, the Fawkner Blues raced towards their seventh win in a row, beating the Melbourne Raiders 3-1.

Leader Port Melbourne needed a second half penalty to overcome Springvale White Eagles 1-0.

Altona Magic defeated Altona East 1-0 in their Paisley Park Derby, while St Albans beat Bentleigh Green also 1-0.

COMPLETING last week's round 14, Melbourne Raiders and Green Gully drew 1-1, while Westvale and Port Melbourne drew 2-2 during their Monday night fixtures.

IN ROUND 16, South Dande-

nong hosts Westvale on Saturday night.

On Sunday, St Albans is at home to Altona East. Preston visits Altona Magic.

Sunshine is at home to Port Melbourne, while Bulleen travels to Springvale.

On Saturday night, Fawkner visits Green Gully in the clash of the round, while the Melbourne Raiders are at home to Bentleigh Greens on Monday.

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A place in Australian soccer's bigger picture

by Bruce Campbell.

"THE PRIMARY mission for all our teams is the same as that of any football club in any code in the world - to win championships," says Port Melbourne president Phillip Diamataris.

The club, riding high in the Victorian Premier League, is also ambitious enough to want to go beyond the limits of the Victorian elite state league division, with an ultimate target being the National Soccer League.

Changes are afoot in Australian soccer with conflicting stories about the direction of the NSL; some saying a ten team competition would be better for the long term future of the game while others want to see the league expanded even further than the 16 teams which will likely make up the competition for next season.

Somewhere in the middle probably lies the reality, at least over the next few years.

The change of the VPL to a summer format at the end of the Year 2000 league also represents another significant shift in the goalposts.

Port Melbourne are anxious to take any advantage of a change in conditions, particularly ones which would allow them a bite at their ultimate

apple.

The ever-increasing likelihood, even although the ASF has not gone official on the matter yet, is that the Victorian and New South Wales elite state league competitions will provide the feeder system for a return to promotion and relegation in the NSL.

This would be the first genuine up and down system in the national competition's history if it ever got off the ground. At present there are so many forces pushing in that direction that it is almost inevitable.

Currently there are four or five VPL sides who see themselves as NSL candidates.

But with the creation of what in effect would be a second division, that number would increase to about ten.

That would seem to dovetail nicely into the model being developed for next year as far as the Premier League is concerned.

Again, the word is that a VPL champion would have to play off with other State Leagues, likely South Australia and maybe even Tasmania for a crack at an NSL place.

But whatever changes occur at least they represent a shift forward in direction.

The stumbling block in the past, or at least since 1989,

has been that the NSL and the Premier League play out of synch, one summer and one winter.

That has meant that any club being promoted to the NSL

"Our primary mission is the same as that of any football club in any code in the world - to win championships"

has had a bigger than herculean task to sustain a first season challenge.

Conversely, the drop back into State League has almost been the equivalent of a death sentence.

Loss of playing staff, loss of sponsorship - and, worse of all - loss of a whole year's football is not a pleasant thought.

The change to a summer VPL could seem to be a direct attempt to place Victorian clubs in a better situation, better poised to be able to make the big jump - whether it be into a one or two tier NSL system.

Port Melbourne represent the kind of ambition which currently exists in the VPL.

Formed as relatively recently as 1968 the Sharks have gone through the usual climb through the ranks.

Predominantly a Greek backed club they were pro-

moted to the Second Division in 1992 and in that first year were First Division runners-up.

As a result they were again promoted and in 1994, their

first year in the top flight, were runners-up in the Victorian Premier League.

Along the way the club has

seen a lot of talent in its blue and red shirts including the calibre of Mike Petersen, Mehmet Durakovic, Joe Palatidis, Andrew Zinni - all Soceroos - and former Joey captain Clayton Bell.

And of course, Peter Tsoulakis, the former South Melbourne legend now in the coaching hot seat.

In 1995 the Sharks won the VPL League Premiership.

Little wonder then that they are one of the crowd pulling forces in Victoria.

A new grandstand at the club's SS Anderson Reserve home ground is all evidence of that push towards the NSL and the excellence of the surface has seen it approved as a training venue for the 2000 Olympics.

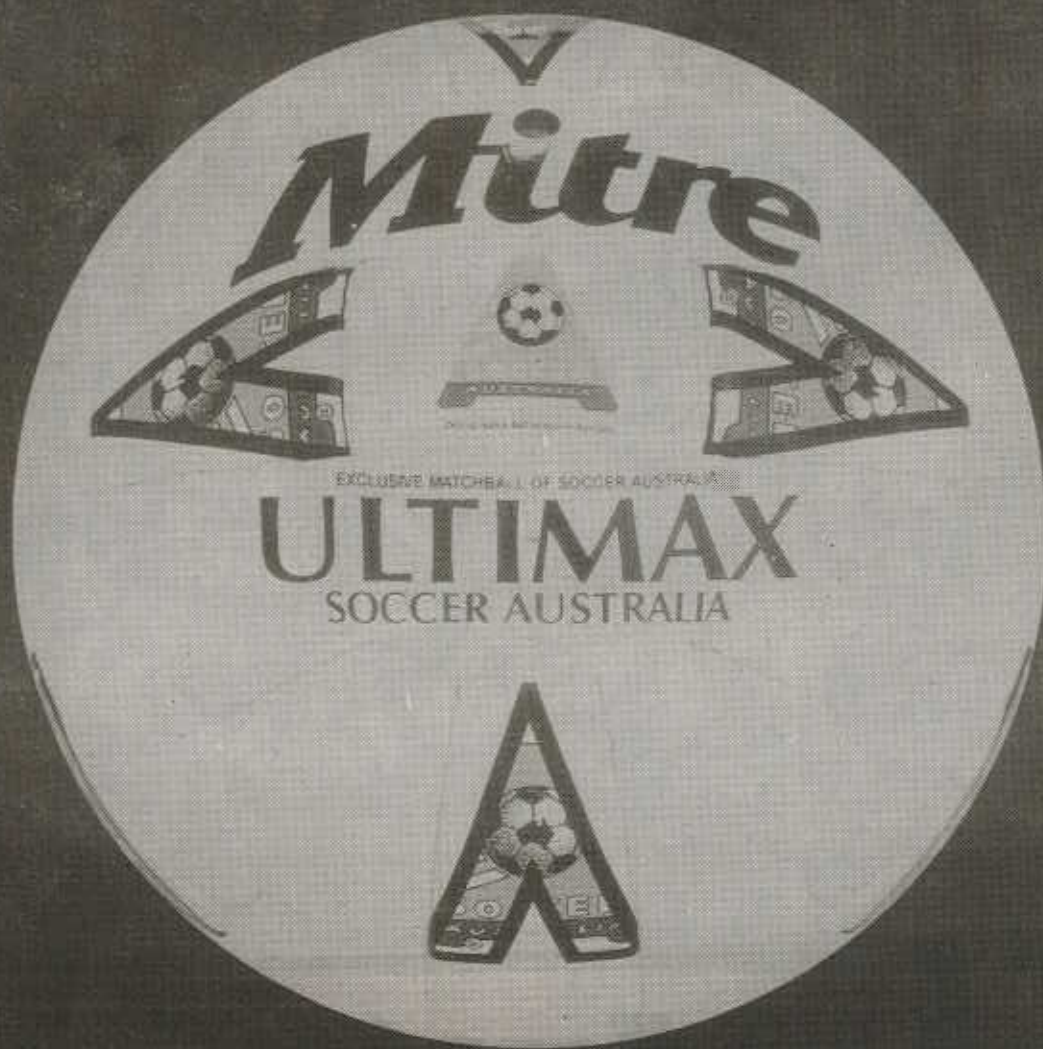
That will be a prelude to the new summer league format and perhaps by then the bigger picture for the NSL's future will be clearer.

That is one picture in which the Port Melbourne Sharks clearly see their own place.

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WEST AUSTRALIAN BIG MATCH UPDATE

Lions cause major upset in Golden West

BY Jason Marocchi

Stirling Lions caused a huge shock in the Soccer West Coast Premier League on Saturday.

The Lions upset Fremantle City 3-2 at Fremantle Oval, to record their first points for the season.

Jason Van Roy put the Lions ahead within the first minute, with a cracking 35 metre drive.

Just before half-time Van Roy was on the scoresheet

again and the Lions amazingly went into the break 2-0 up.

Stirling's young defender Anthony Jones was sent off early in the second half which caused panic in the Lions defence.

Fremantle took advantage of the extra man and drew level with two goals from John Mirco.

Then with 10 minutes left, substitute Eddie Muira scored the winner to record a memorable victory.

"It was a win long overdue,"

said Stirling coach Rick Slade.

"We have now got the ball rolling after playing most of the sides in the top six and it's good to have something to build on at last."

Slade said that new signings Zoran Milnar and Toby Wright were just what the team needed, and also commended Van Roy's performance in midfield.

The loss puts Fremantle three points behind the league leaders Sorrento, who spoiled the party at the opening of the

Litis Stadium, crushing Floreat Athena 4-1.

With the game tied at 1-1 at half time, Sorrento over-ran the home side in the second half, to stay on top of the Premier League table on goal difference from the Western Knights.

The Knights were easy victors at Dalmatinac Park, crushing Cockburn City 5-0.

Trim Morgan scored two for the Knights to extend his lead as the Premier League's top scorer with 9 goals.

ECU Joondalup lost some ground on the leaders when they were held to a scoreless draw with Perth.

Joondalup are now two points behind Sorrento and the Knights.

The Inglewood Falcon's burst Ashfield-Bunbury's bubble with a 3-0 win at the Kiev Sports Ground.

Former Carlton striker Alex Josifovski scored twice for the Falcons. At Kingsway Reserve, the Bayswater City Panthers were too good for Kingsway Olympic, winning 2-0 with goals from Nick Mrdja and Alan MacKenzie.

Normanton steps into Perth hot seat

by Jason Marocchi

GRAHAM Normanton is the new coach of the Perth Soccer Club.

Perth announced the appointment of the former Kingsway Olympic player-coach yesterday, after Mickey Brennan handed in his resignation last week.

"It was very difficult for us to find a coach with the season already underway," said Perth secretary Neil Cole.

"But we believe Graham can do a good job for us."

Brennan, Perth Glory's assistant coach for the first two seasons, resigned last Monday due to an increasing load in his work commitments.

Cole said the rumours of the club's poor start to the season

influencing the resignation were "never any further from the truth."

He said the Perth board accepted Brennan's decision with considerable regret.

"Mickey took into consideration the interests of the club when making his decision," Cole said.

"We are a little disappointed because we worked so hard to get him in the first place but his decision was in fairness to the club."

Normanton steps into the coaching role with his side languishing in the bottom four, with only four points from six games.

His first test will be a visit to Bayswater Oval for a date with the much improved Bayswater City Panthers.

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ACT BIG MATCH UPDATE

Popovich slams four as Olympic take Cup

by Dylan Durie

NJEGOSH Popovich scored four goals to give Canberra Olympic a convincing 6-2 win over Canberra Deakin in the Federation Cup final at the AIS on Sunday.

Olympic dominated the entire game before surviving a late surge by Deakin with goals from Popovich and Robert Grande sealing the win in the last ten minutes.

Popovich opened the scoring in just the 5th minute with a sweet finish after his first shot had come back off the cross bar to a team mate who played it back in for the goal.

Deakin then had chances to equalise with a fierce Ben Deighan free-kick being punched away by Olympic 'keeper Angelo Konstantinou, then Ante Mijoc mis-controlled a great long ball by Anthony Rakic that would have seen him through on goal.

Alex Castro then made it 2-0 for Olympic after controlling nicely outside the area and blasting a low shot inside the near post.

With Castro orchestrating the midfield, Olympic were in complete control and had several more good chances, particularly when Popovich robbed sweeper Joseph Skrtic of the ball, but 'keeper Pedro Pavez came out and made a good save.

Deakin scored against the run of play in injury time with another clever pass from Rakic finding Paul Ivanic in the area who beat the keeper and crossed for Deighan to finish off the move.

With just seven minutes of the second half played, Olympic restored their two goal cushion with Popovich converting an easy chance after Geoff Howarth had nut-megged his man on the edge of the area then drawn Pavez out of position.

Midway through the half Olympic seemingly wrapped up the game when Popovich completed his hat-trick after Arsenje Popovich unselfishly laid off the ball inside the area.

A Takis Arvanitis error then brought Deakin back into the game as he allowed a simple chance to

fall to Ivanic who scored from close range.

Olympic began to look nervous as Deakin poured forward in search of more goals but this time it was Olympic's turn to score against the run of play with Popovich's fourth and best goal of the game.

He collected a Castro pass on the edge of the area with his back to goal before swivelling and chipping Pavez in one motion, curling the ball into the top corner of the net.

Grande then completed the rout, finishing an easy chance after another Castro pass had put him behind the Deakin defence.

Deakin coach Ian Shaw said that while he was unhappy with the result on the day, he was pleased with his young team overall.

"I'm happy the boys could take the next step and reach the final, it's great for the club," he said.

Olympic coach Jim Tsiokos, standing in for Baz Giamapolo, was thrilled with the result and singled out Castro and Grande as star players in a good team performance.

AND Monaro were triumphant in the 3rd Place Play writes Nick Guoth The preliminary match to the WIN TV Federation Cup Final was the third-place play off game between Belconnen United and Monaro.

Monaro came out winners 2-1, but have to thank goalkeeper Tony Guarino who easily put in a man-of-the-match performance.

"He kept us in the game, especially the first half with some magnificent saves", Monaro coach Andrew Monterosso said.

For the first fifteen minutes, both teams were feeling each other out and chances were extremely rare, but after this, Belconnen took charge.

Their first scoring opportunity came when Jaime Mauro released Luke Larfield for a one-on-one with Guarino, but the 'keeper pulled off a great save.

Just past the middle of the half and a rasping free kick from Marco

Perinovic was touched over for a corner kick by Guarino.

It was in the 29th minute when the Monaro defence were not able to stop a powerful Perinovic header from Larfield's corner kick.

Guarino this time had no chance and the Bels were one up.

Then five minutes before the break Monaro's defence were caught flat again with Lee Pietrukowski putting through Scott Manson for a second one-on-one attempt.

Alike, Larfield, he too was foiled by Guarino who spread himself well to block the shot.

The teams went in to the break and something must have been said in the Monaro dressing rooms, as they came out firing for the second half.

Seven minutes in and Danny Macor set up Alex Tine for a chance only to see Aaron Fuller get back and block the shot for a corner.

But the writing was on the wall.

Gaps were starting to appear in the Belconnen defence, whilst at the other end Monaro shored up their's pulling more players back and relying on rare break-aways with their speedy forward combination.

A few minutes more and Macor sent a long ball to the far post and found Joe Campagna, but he skied his volley.

Danny himself had a shot into the side netting in the following minute.

All the pressure told as one more minute Lazar Simeonov passed to Jim Baxter and he pushed the ball to Tine who's low shot gave Rade Kosanovic no chance.

The score was tied, but over the next half-an-hour neither side could get on top.

Belconnen became frustrated attempting speculative long shots which either went high and wide or into the hands of the sure Guarino.

Then with under ten minutes left on the clock a loose ball in defence fell to Simeonov.

He had a choice of two team mates and picked Joe Campagna who buried the chance to put his side ahead for good.

Monaro didn't stop



Alex Castro: the NSL star orchestrated Canberra Olympic's midfield

Foot nets three for convincing Canberra City

by Anya Whitelaw

CANBERRA City scored a convincing 6-1 win over Weston Creek at Warramanga on Sunday.

City's Nancy Foot scored three goals to help seal the win for her team in a hard fought game.

Getting away to a perfect start City's Kirsti Welling scored inside the first minute when Weston keeper Georgie Hadden fumbled the ball which rolled over the line.

Maintaining the intensity, City's second goal came soon after.

A corner taken by Amy Kilpatrick landing in the centre of a pack of players, the ball deflecting off Heather Birnie's back

into the net.

Some fancy footwork by Rachel English saw City's third for the half, passing three players before sending a curving ball in from the sideline to beat Hadden.

The final goal of the half came when Nancy Foot sent a missile from 30 yards out into the right hand corner of the net.

Weston coach Arnie Van Himthom gave his players a rousing speech at half-time, telling his team to forget the first 45 minutes and get on with the job.

His words inspired his side, substitute Bianca Lee putting Weston on the board five minutes in.

Although more competitive Weston could not stop the rampaging City, Foot tapping in from a Welling cross for the perfect reply.

The final goal for the match and Foot's third for the day, came from a curling corner kick into the centre of the box by Amy Kilpatrick.

The final score of 6-1 reflected a good game from City, but Weston should be commended for the way they played in the second half.

In other games Belconnen defeated Tuggeranong 4-2 and ACTAS proved too strong for Burns-Brindabella in their 5-0 win.

Alston's Port Kembla starts roll

THEY say on the Illawarra coast that 'Life is a Beach'; but in soccer circles it can sure be a bitch.

The return of Woonona to the Illawarra Credit Union Premier League this season was anything but fairytale.

The Northern Suburbs club

had a rich part in Australia's soccer history but that was in the past.

Recent history saw the Ocean Park side struggle in the lower reaches of the Conference League, a combined First and Second Division.

Ian Cirson was facing up to

the prospect of a dogfight at the bottom end of the table with the likelihood that the side would continue for most of the season as favourites for a straight return to the basement division after winning promotion last term.

Two weeks ago the script

writers had pencilled in a return to reality for the little club's ambitions.

They were drawn against Port Kembla who, despite a stuttering start to the season, were firm favourites to take this season's ISA title.

Coming off a resounding thumping of Shoalhaven Port Kembla were in a buoyant mood.

But the reality turned round and snapped Adrian Alston's team on the backside as Cirson's battlers defied the odds, and the prophets of doom to dump Port Kembla 3-0.

Despite coach Adrian Alston's insistence that he has a sound defence, it has shown to be very leaky in games this season, continuing a worrying trend from late last season when silly goals started to be given away with regularity.

A 3-0 defeat by the cellar dwellers did not give any cause for joy at Port Kembla and Alston is now under extreme pressure to bring in a quick fix.

The facts are glaringly obvious; three defeats against teams which Port must beat,

and beat convincingly, if they have any pretensions left for honours this season.

Experienced utility Paul Robaard was transferred to Conference side Western Suburbs after failing to grab a regular place in the Port starting line up and that could be a move which will be rued by the end of the season.

The Zebras have now welcomed back Kane Maccabei and Michael Clare from Wolves youth team duty to a first team squad which is big and brim full of talent.

But despite an impressive team roster Port Kembla are struggling to field a cohesive unit.

Against Wollongong Olympic in last Sunday's Illawarra Credit Union Match of the Round Port Kembla had a gun in their faces.

"Defeat would leave us ten points adrift of Olympic," said Adrian Alston junior before the match.

"A win is very important. We can still win the league but we have to win this game."

Alston junior epitomises the

spirit at Port that his father has instilled in the team.

He has fought back to near fitness after a serious injury and has hopes of playing his own major part in Port's drive towards the title.

Unfortunately for Woonona they are now back facing reality after their moment in the spotlight.

For Ian Cirson's team a win against the big guys might have been a cup final day but the reality is that they are still favourites for the drop.

Port Kembla?

Well they beat Olympic 1-0 and for them the fight goes on at the top of the table.

They are now only two points outside of the Top Four and Alston knows that a string of wins will put them back in the thick of things.

He will be hoping that string of three pointers started with Pepe Stannizzo's headed goal.

Co-incidentally it might just have also started with the return of Adrian Alston junior to first team action after missing a year and a half with a pelvic injury.

Adrian Alston junior: back in action after lengthy layoff



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NSW BIG MATCH UPDATE

Bulls roar back to grab point share at Melita

by Patrick Galloway

MELITA Stadium was the venue on Sunday afternoon for the Parramatta and Fairfield fixture in round sixteen of the New South Wales Super League.

With Fairfield sitting in equal fourth position and Parramatta some four points adrift of the top four, both teams were in desperate need of the three points on offer to remain in contention at the top half of the table.

The match was always going to be a tight one, with both sides hesitant to take risks in the knowledge that they could be caught short at the back and consequently be chasing the points for the remainder of the match.

For Fairfield, Jason Falzon was at his distributive best in the midfield, combining with new signing Michael Reda right through the first period.

Reda seemed to be operating just behind Fairfield's striking duo of

Mark Hoenselaars and Matthew Borg and certainly had quite an impact on Fairfield attacks in the first period.

However, it was a Parramatta attack in the 34th minute which was to bring the game unlocked.

A Parramatta free kick in their attacking third was floated to the back post, Fairfield keeper Dragon Pupovac fumbled and big defender Mark Reveley was on hand to knee a bouncing ball onto the underside of the bar

and then into the back of the net.

However, the Eagles' one goal advantage didn't last too long at all.

Fairfield caught their opposition waiting for the half time whistle when a timely Jason Falzon run saw him use the outside of his left foot to put a masterful ball through to Mark Hoenselaars, who delicately chipped the ball over a sliding Jason Holmes into the bottom right hand corner to tie the scores once more.

The start of the second half saw the Bulls come out fired.

In the 53rd minute a ball down the left flank from Chris Giometti put Hoenselaars in the clear of Eagles defender Mark Reveley.

Hoenselaars dribbled to the bye line and then cut the ball back to striking partner and Bulls leading scorer Matthew Borg.

Borg tried to put the bouncing ball past Parramatta keeper Jason Holmes, but a reactive Holmes denied Borg with an excellent save.

Parramatta too had their chances, with Balamobou Conde and Alex Araujo in the midfield serving up quality balls to Grant Bard and Adam Anderson up front.

Although a confrontation between Anderson and his Fairfield Bulls marker George Zabetakis in the 65th minute caused Parramatta coach Roberto Viera to rethink his game strategy after the ill-disciplined Anderson received a yellow card for his actions.

Two minutes after the incident Anderson was substituted for the lively

Malcolm Mielak, however he had little impact.

In fact it was Fairfield's approach that seemed to be the superior.

A subtle counter attacking style ensured the Bulls always had the numbers at the back and encouraged the Parramatta players to push forward, with the Bulls just waiting to pounce on their opposition.

In the 66th minute the Bulls had their best chance of the second half, once again from a Jason Falzon run.

Falzon beat two defenders and then feigned to shoot with his left foot just outside the area.

In doing so he brought a sliding Parramatta defence a little further his way leaving Matthew Borg on the back post.

Falzon slotted the ball in front of Borg.

However, Borg was once again denied by a fine save from Parramatta's hero between the posts - Jason Holmes.

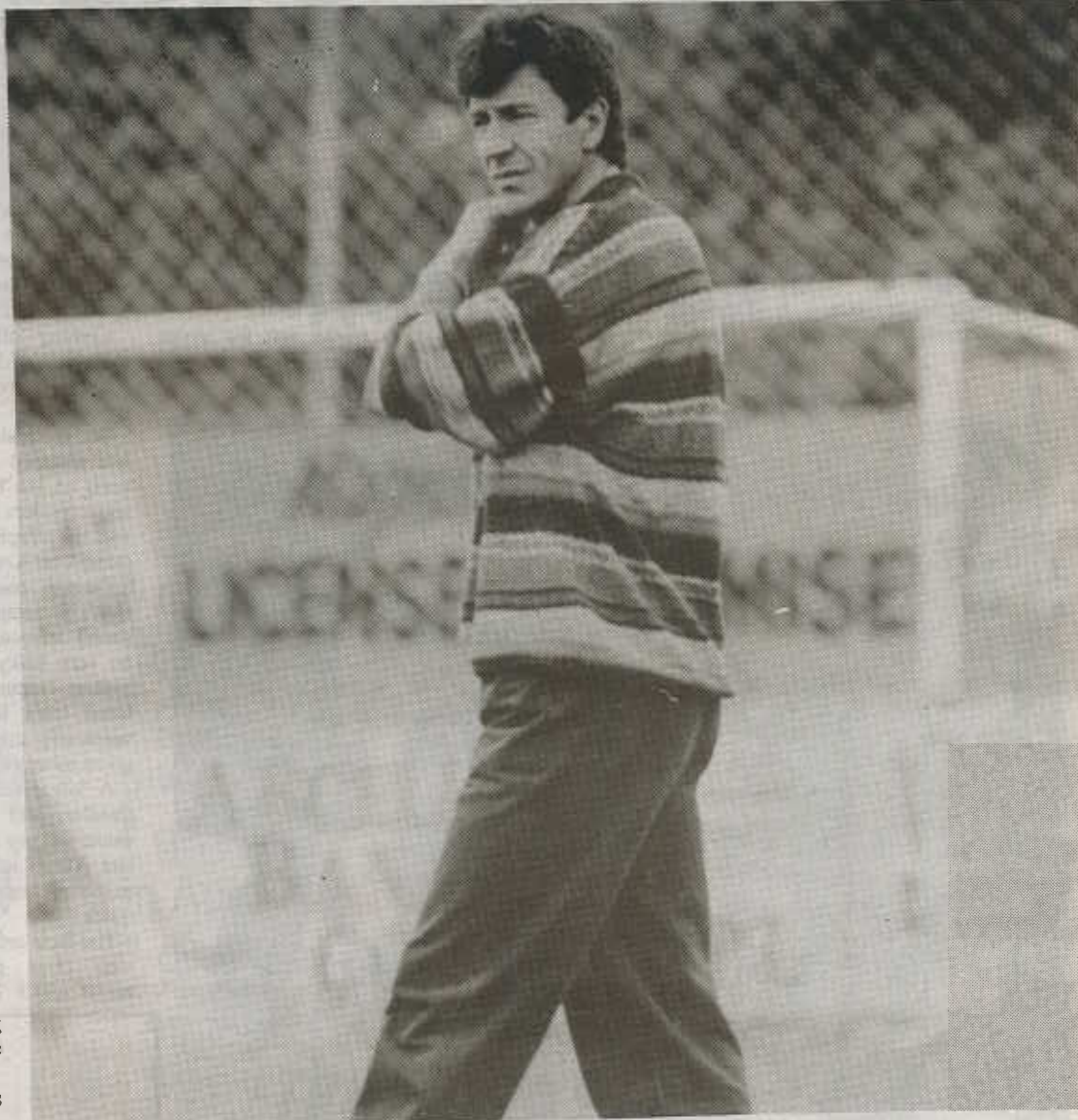
Fairfield second half substitute Darren Iocca also had an impact, combining well with Reda

and the wide running Martin Driene down the right flank.

However the chances for both sides were limited in what had been up to this point, a very intensive encounter.

With the game played at such a hectic pace, the players began to show signs that they were losing their stamina and in the 83rd minute it showed.

A tired Fairfield defence was exposed by a Grant Bard run, Bard put the ball past a quickly



Bankstown Lions coach Mile Todoroski: his side got up 3-2 against Eastern Suburbs

approaching Pupovac, but Parramatta's anticipating Sasha Utjesenovic got his foot to the ball, causing it to scoot past the post.

The match finished at 1-1, a result which both sides would probably not be content with.

Fairfield will be looking to make up for their performance when they next take on the lowly placed Eastern Suburbs at Ninevah Field, while Parramatta are up against Canterbury Marrickville, who have just come off a walloping at the hands of Blacktown City.

ROUND 16 of Super League kicked off on Saturday night with two

of the league's top sides, Macarthur Rams and Bonnyrigg White Eagles, playing each other at Lynwood Park in front of another large crowd.

Unfortunately for the majority of those fans though, it was the away side who came away victorious, Bonnyrigg sealing a 3-1 victory with goals from Robert Gomez, James Warburton and Ray Younis. Macarthur replied through midfielder Martin Bourke, while Kain Rastall missed a late penalty for the Rams.

Steve Karavatakis has proved an inspired signing for Leichhardt, and he showed his predatory instincts against the Cen-

tral Coast to give his team a 2-1 away win.

An early goal to the Tigers' Vince Savocca was cancelled out by a 25 yard volley from the Coasties' Clint Smith, but in the last minute up stepped Karavatakis to make to claim all three points for the Tigers, who are starting to look dangerous.

Blacktown City Demons had a remarkable 7-0 win at home to Canterbury Marrickville, and in doing so notched up the biggest win in Super League this season.

A goal by Damien Smith after two minutes was followed by braces for Damien Brown, Jason Bennett and Jon Ange-

lucci.

Bankstown City Lions defeated bottom club Eastern Suburbs 3-2, with goals from Damien Luksic, Nabil Codmani and Mendo Lozevski, although the Wanderers pushed them all the way, Mark Beldham putting Eastern Suburbs ahead and Tony Canning scoring the last goal of the game.

Two of the bottom four battled it out at Wentworth Park, and it was Ryde City who came away with the three points after beating Sutherland Sharks 3-0.

Goals from Adam Peatey, Aydin Cetinay and Andre Glucina sealed a rare victory for the

Jones sees the sign of a good team

Northern NSW beat Sutherland Sharks 3-0 in their round eight match at Jack McLaughlan Oval on Sunday in the NSW Women's Soccer League.

Ahead 1-0 at half-time the home side slotted home two quick second half goals to seal the match.

Coach Mark Jones happy with the win but will stress on his charges,

through the week, the need to be more clinical and wrap up the coming match against Marconi as chances present themselves.

Striker Sunni Hughes celebrated her return from injury with a fine goal in the 52nd minute.

Kristy Palozzi also slotted home in the 48th minute and Amber Neilson having Northern 1-0 in

front with a cracker in the second minute.

"Realistically we should have been three nil up at half-time," Mark Jones said.

"We played well all game which was pleasing, but they need to finish off their chances and be a bit more clinical.

"You can't not take chances and expect to win because there are

teams in this competition who will put you away."

Reserve grade won a seesawing contest 4-3 in a match that they did not play all that well.

"The academy team won when they did not play all that well," Jones commented. "But I suppose that is the sign of a good team, to win when your not playing that well is pleasing."

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Katrina Staniforth: playing football in a man's world

WHAT do current Matildas' players Julie Murray and Amy Taylor have in common, apart from being currently in the Australian Women's Squad at the AIS training for the Sydney Olympics?

To begin with both are Canberra girls, Julie coming to prominence in the record-breaking Weston Creek team of the Eighties and Amy breaking into the ACT Academy of Sport team at a very young age.

But even before that, they both made a splash in the Bill Turner Cup.

Julie Murray, in fact, was the first girl to play in a Bill Turner Cup game, when she was picked in the Bill Turner Cup Holder High School team in the early 1980s.

Julie played a blinder, Holder High won the game

and the other school duly complained to Bill Turner that Holder had included a girl in their team, and that playing girls in the team was not in the rules.

Bill Turner, of course, refused the appeal, but ever since then the rules specifically allow girls to play.

Amy Taylor was also selected as the only girl in a Kambah High Bill Turner Cup team in 1994.

Now it is quite usual to see girls playing in this Under 15 school competition, and the latest on the scene has been current ACT Academy of Sport player Katrina Staniforth.

However, Katrina has taken the emergence of girls in the competition to even greater heights.

Katrina was a prominent member of Kaleen High School's team which was a semi-finalist in the 1997 competition.

Kaleen eventually lost in the semi-finals of the competition that year to the eventual winners, but Katrina was the first girl to receive player of the match points in a semi final.

Katrina Staniforth began her soccer career as the only girl in the Belnorth Under 7s team. She remained with the team until Under 12s, encouraged by the coach, her father Graham Staniforth.

However, for the next three years (Under 13 - 15) she was joined in the Belnorth team by another exceptionally-talented

girl, Caitlin Munoz.

Last year Katrina began playing in the ACT Women's Soccer Association with the Belconnen Division 1 team, but almost immediately was taken into the Canberra Eclipse National League squad by coach Ian Murray who thinks so highly of her that she played three games in the Ansett Summer Series last year.

"Katrina is totally dedicated to her football - she has a good head and understands the game," says Murray.

"Once she gets confidence in her ability and works more on the technical side of her game (which she is doing)

she'll end up as a very good player.

"She reads the game exceptionally well and has good positional sense."

Murray also coaches the ACT Academy of Sport team which, in the winter plays in the ACTWSA Division 1, and Katrina has been a regular in that squad this season.

In her days at Belnorth and Kaleen High Katrina played at right back or sweeper, but Murray is playing her wide on the right and encouraging her to attack down the flank.

"Ian is giving me the knowledge to adapt and improve my game, although my greatest influence has been my Dad who initially encouraged me to play in the boys team at Belnorth," she says.

"He played when he was younger and has given me a

love for the game."

Katrina has, however, faced some hostility from some of her male team mates who perhaps didn't think that girls should be in the team, even in the usually politically correct climate of Canberra:

"I found that in the early days I wasn't getting the ball much; it was as if some of the team didn't trust me, and even in the Kaleen High team there was one boy in particular who thought I shouldn't be there," she says.

"But I received a great deal of support from the coach Paul Branson and also particularly from team mate Amied Shadman."



1998 captain of the Westfields Sports High team Nathaniel George put a smile on the faces of Cynthia and Bill Turner on the night of last season's final when he presented this beautiful floral bouquet.

Still a student in Year 10 at Kaleen High, Katrina sees her short term goals as cementing a spot in the Canberra Eclipse National League squad, and making it into the ACTWSA Under 16s.

She also wants to see Man-

chester United play the Soc-ceroos later this year and watch her idol David Beckham.

But she is already beginning to put something back into the game as she currently coaches an U'8 team from her old

club, Belnorth, and has advice for other young girls wanting to play; "Get into a boys' team at an early age to get that physical competition, stick with it, but make sure you are having fun playing as well."

Bill Turner Cup update

DUNGOG High, nestled under the shadow of Barrington Top, came to life recently when their Bill Turner Cup side came back from the brink of defeat to score a penalty shoot-out victory over the more favoured Mount View High from West Cessnock.

A good crowd of students, teachers, parents and friends roared encouragement throughout the fixture.

Down 1-3 halfway through the second period, the locals fought back to end the regulation time 3-3.

Golden Goal time saw no change to the score-line and the dreaded penalty shoot-out followed.

Dungog held their nerve to

slot home four shots to Mount View's two.

It was good to see Mount View field Larissa Stevens, a very capable girl who is already recognised by her Northern NSW state coach as well as school coach Ronnie Gajewski.

The Dungog coach is Year 10 student Joel Kiem under the mentorship of Mr Lyle McLucas.

Dungog HS 3-4 (Josh Ford, Michael Skinner 2) defeated Mount View High 3-2 (Craig Williams, Chad Meyn) played at Dungog High. Referee: Mr Peter James

COOMBAHBAH State High made a good start to this

year's Bill Turner Cup competition when they defeated Southport State High by seven goals to one at Southport's home ground.

The visitors looked stronger from the start and gave Southport's defence a pretty torrid time, however goalkeeper Phil McVicar managed some fine saves.

Coombahbah hold a unique place in the history of the Bill Turner Cup being the first Queensland school to enter the competition back in the mid eighties.

They were part of the NSW Northern Rivers area.

Coombahbah is located in Runaway Bay, a northern suburb of the Gold Coast area. Coombahbah 7 (David Percival 2, Greg Wenham 2, Tim Giles 2, Thomas Easton) defeated Southport 1 (David Severino) played at Southport. Referee: Mr LA Adams

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GREG STOCK continues his in-depth interview with OTTIE ABONYI, one of the fastest players to ever pull on a green and gold shirt – and one of the best.

The World Cup, man United, the 'Mudbath' and more



TO BE CONCLUDED

GS: What happened after the World Cup?

AA: "I called it quits. From '67 right up to '74 you're looking at nearly eight years non stop and the family is starting to grow so I personally thought that maybe this is the ultimate."

"You've been to the World Cup, I mean another four years who knows what."

"Brian Green came out from England (to be Soccerroo coach) and saw me at a game at Wentworth Park between St George at Hakoah."

"I'll never forget that."

"I had a reasonably good game and he in fact approached me and said we've got two games coming up against New Zealand later that month would I be available."

"Anyway, we sat down and talked about it what my chances are and why he wanted me back he said he was keen and by this time I suppose I was getting itchy feet again and I really wanted to play."

"So he convinced me that I should make a comeback and in fact I did in the second game."

"I didn't go to Auckland which was the first game that they played but I played the second game in Melbourne which was the return (leg) against New Zealand."

"So that was my first game back and we won 3-1."

GS: And you were included in the world tour?

AA: "No then Brian Green got the bullet after that and Jimmy Shoulder came along."

"Shoulder was only a very, very young chap at the time."

"I think he was only twenty nine (or) thirty."

"And by this time people like Jimmy Rooney, myself, Peter Wilson were two or three years older than Jimmy Shoulder."

"And up to that point Jimmy Shoulder had never had a club side."

"He was working at the Australian Institute

of Sport in Canberra."

"Through Eric Worthington, the director of coaching for the Australian Soccer Federation, he actually got Jimmy the job and that's how Jimmy Shoulder came along."

"And that (was) either in very late in '75 or early '76."

"That's when we went on the world tour in '76."

"We went to England with Jimmy Shoulder."

luck in England up to that point?

AA: "Well back in those days it was unheard of."

"I think Ray Baartz was the only one who went to Manchester United as a young boy he had couple of years trial there."

"Johnny Warren went to a team called Stockport who were in the third division in England but it was just unheard of not like now days."

at an Australian player."

"We were a laughing stock we have to be honest about this."

"These (current) guys have got the Under Seventeens, the Young Soccerroos the Olympic team."

"I had the opportunity back in '75 when Man United came out here."

"Tommy Docherty invited to me to play for United as a guest player against Queensland."

"But I was already

supporter and for him to invite me to play for United against Queensland in Brisbane was the only time an Australian player had appeared as a guest player for a team like Man United or any overseas team."

"So that was personally probably my greatest achievement on the personal side."

"We were talking about '74 but that was as a squad but on a personal

four or five interstate games as well."

GS: Did you get to keep the jumper and the gear after the game?

AA: "Oh yeah. He gave me the whole kit which was again tremendous which was a tremendous gesture."

"Socks and shirts and badges and bags."

"I mean they gave me everything and really treated me nicely."

swapped against Germany, I've still got a few of those shirts."

GS: You were a part of the infamous "mudbath" 1970 grand final against Yugal.

AA: "Yep 4-0."

GS: Leo Baumgartner coached Yugal. It was one of greatest coaching triumphs.

AA: "Yeah and the week before we beat them 4-0



The infamous 'Mudbath Grand Final' of 1970 when Yugal caused one of the biggest upsets in history in thrashing St George 4-0

GS: What was that tour like to be on?

AA: "Well every trip was brilliant, let's face it and up to that point I'd never played in England before and we played two games in England."

"We went to Israel, we went to all the Asian countries so it was memorable."

GS: You'd never had any desire to go and try your

"In fact nobody really played apart from Joe Marston who before our days."

"Apparently he went overseas and he played and even played in the FA Cup."

"But he was the only one – it was just unheard of."

"Of course, as much as you wanted to no other (overseas) club never even considered looking

twenty eight by that time and he said as much as I'd like to sign you and he wanted to but he said you're too old."

"You're twenty eight, we're not going to sign a twenty eight year old guy."

GS: Do you regret that at all.

AA: "Of course you do."

"From the day I was born I was a Man United

level that would be my greatest memory."

GS: And that was in?

AA: "In '75."

"They came out here to play."

"I think they played about six games, played three against Australia and they played the usual Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland and so forth."

"I think they played

"Great memory."

GS: You've kept a lot of stuff?

AA: "Well that's one thing I have kept over the years but by the same token I have given a lot away."

"I mean I've got my very, very first shirt and I've got a couple of jerseys from the '74 World Cup."

"I've got the ones we

to knock Hakoah out of the Grand Final."

"We deliberately played Hakoah out of the Grand Final because we were winning 4-0 after twenty minutes and Frank Arok who was coaching St George at the time virtually told us not to score any more goals."

"Because had we scored one more it would have put Hakoah back into the Grand Final and



Hakoah for some reason we could never beat.

"So by keeping it down to four which meant that we played Yugal into the Grand Final on goal difference and they bloody beat us 4-0 would you believe (laughing).

"Talk about rain that game should never have been played."

GS: Tony Boskovic was the referee and everyone except him thought it should have been called off.

AA: "I've got pictures of it.

"I've still got black and white still shots of that game and all you could see is water.

"You could not kick the ball five yards.

"You had to lift the ball."

GS: The St George supporters who went out that day say it was one of the worst days in their life to see the side get beaten under those circumstances.

AA: "One of the stories going around was apparently Tony Boskovic was flying out the next day.

"He'd been invited to referee a few games in Asia, in some Asian tournament.

"So he thought if the game was called off on Sunday the game would have to be either replayed on a Wednesday or the following Sunday and he would have been in Asia and he wanted to referee the Grand Final.

"Whether it was true or not I don't know but there you go."

GS: Do you remember your last game for the Socceroos?

AA: "Yes I certainly do. Do I ever.

"Against Iran in Tehe-

ran, in the '77 qualifiers.

"I knew that was it.

"By this time I am like thirty one, I was born in '46 and this was '77 so yeah, I was thirty one.

"I knew this was the end of the road for me (as a Socceroo)."

GS: You were still playing club football?

AA: "Oh yeah I was playing for Sydney Croatia at the time.

"I left St George and

"The national league was starting up in '77.

"Manfred Schaefer was the coach at the time at St George and I went into to see him about my contract.

"I couldn't come to an agreement.

"It was basically as simple as that after eight years, eight wonderful years.

"You know that's the

highlight of my soccer

life, I had a brilliant eight

there was no more money for me.

"We couldn't come to terms and Croatia came along and offered me more money and so I went to Croatia."

GS: And how did you find your time at Croatia?

AA: "Brilliant. Unfortunately we were in state league, Croatia at that stage didn't go into the NSL but it was tremen-

one.

"So we had a very good three years and financially it was very good.

"Well financially back in those days you were looking at \$5,000 being good money.

"I mean these guys are earning hundreds of thousands now, but who cares about money.

"We never played for money always for the love of it.

"I can just imagine

World Cup in '74.

"That's all the games, all the qualifiers which in total was about thirteen games plus the World Cup included.

"Five thousand for the whole lot minus tax so we ended up getting about four."

GS: But they supplied all your gear for that?

AA: "Oh yeah, adidas did.

"Adidas was like a Nike - by far the biggest sporting company plus the fact that it was in Germany they sponsored nearly all the teams.

"Everything was provided by adidas of course not by anybody else (and not by) the Australian Federation or anybody.

"Adidas purely sponsored ninety percent of the teams in the '74 World Cup."

GS: So you got five grand and a lot of memories?

AA: "Yeah, well more memories.

"Like Johnny Warren's Christmas card this year said a lot of memories but no money (laughing).

He and I keep in touch and we always have a good laugh about it and good old chats about times but those were his exact words.

"A lot of memories but no money (laughing)."

GS: I've been a bit of

AA: "Well I used to do quite a few on SBS, same thing with Les Murray.

"Well I moved here (to Coffs Harbour) in '89, so for the '86 World Cup I did quite a bit there with Johnny Warren and Les Murray.

"A few guys occasionally like now call in for bits and pieces but just like Adrian Alston.

"You might see him round about World Cup time or something important as this game was (against Iran) but now you won't see him on tele. for another three or four years.

"It's just the way it works so that's the pattern."

GS: It doesn't bother you too much?

AA: "Well not anymore."

GS: I thought that being Australia's greatest ever soccer team that there would be more of a profile for all twenty two of you.

AA: "I know what you're getting at but unfortunately it never worked that way.

"You're right because even the ASF to my knowledge has never offered a particular position to a player.

"I mean would you like to be involved in the New South Wales or Australian Soccer Federation as a representative or a secretary or a PR man."

GS: Or even an ambassador.

AA: "Nope nothing whatsoever."

GS: It's a tragedy because I personally feel that your talents as individuals and as a team haven't been utilised.

AA: "And to be honest with you they have killed a lot of people that way.

"I know, having been in Coffs for nine years and you might not be able to tell, I have lost a hell of a lot of interest for the game.

"I mean it will always be with me the memories and all but soccer to me now is soccer, it's past, it's gone but it's not something that I live for like I used to.

"I could talk to you for forty minutes on this topic why there is so much politics in the game and what I've seen and what I've heard I have just had enough. But there is a lot of politics in the game unfortunately that spoils the game right from junior level up to senior level."



went there in '77 '78 and '79 - three years."

GS: It must have been hard leaving St George after all those years?

AA: "Very hard. It was just a personal thing.

"My contract was up in '76 and that was the last year of the original state league.

years at St George.

"Unfortunately I was thirty one at the time and I had to think about myself for a change, my family was growing up plus national league was starting up.

It was more demanding, more travelling, more this, more that but as far as Manfred could see

dous.

"Crowds, we used to average 8 to 10,000 people in '77, '78.

"I was there for three years '77, '78 and '79.

"In the three years that I was there we won the league premiership, we won one Grand Final, we lost another one and we bombed out in the third

these guys coming back from England earning two hundred thousand or half a million, I mean I wish I born twenty years younger."

GS: So you weren't paid a great deal for the Socceroos?

AA: "We got five (thousand) for the whole

surprised that out of that '74 team Johnny Warren has been the only real high profile player to go onto a long term career in the media.

You see guys like Ray Richards and Adrian Alston on television only occasionally and the others like yourself we don't hear much about you.

ASICS BIG MATCH UPDATE: NSL TOP SIX SERIES

Tragic own goal seals semi final win for Perth

By Scott Coghlan

AN OWN goal from unlucky Marconi defender Buddy Farrah at the WACA Ground on Saturday evening was enough to secure Perth a berth in next week's NSL Preliminary Final.

In front of the second biggest NSL crowd ever of 27,548, Farrah's own goal in the 21st minute was surprisingly the only score during an entertaining match that saw the ball speed from end to end for almost the entire 90 minutes.

It was a clever shot on goal by Jamie Harnwell, a hero last weekend with the equaliser against Adelaide City, that led indirectly to the Perth goal.

Marconi had made a bright start to the game, but Perth was enjoying a dominant period of play when Harnwell attempted to chip over Marconi 'keeper Ante Covic, who was forced to tip the ball over the crossbar and concede a corner in the 21st minute.

Troy Halpin took the corner and his floating cross deceived Covic, who was lured to the

**PERTH GLORY 1 (own goal)
MARCONI FAIRFIELD 0
Venue: WACA
Man of the Match: Zeljko Babic MARC**

near post and found himself well under the ball.

Covic stretched desperately in an attempt to take the ball, but was only able to deflect it to the far post, where Farrah's attempt to clear off the line ricocheted the wrong way off his shin and into the back of the net. Marconi went agonisingly close to scoring an equaliser just seconds before half-time, when Zelko Babic produced a cracking left foot shot from the edge of the box.

Perth 'keeper Tony Franken, who had another wonderful match after being in doubt during the week due to a knee injury, dived to his left and was just able to pull off a magnificent save.

Glory should have all but sealed the win in the 62nd minute, when striker John Markovski had only the 'keeper to beat. Halpin played a brilliant early ball to Mark-

ovski after a foul and the normally clinical big man waltzed into the box unopposed, only to shoot across the face of goal.

Marconi coach Frank Farina brought on Marcus Phillips in the 68th minute and the move almost paid immediate dividends. Phillips fired in a powerful shot from about 25 metres and had Franken beaten, only for the ball to deflect off the wrong side of the post.

Marconi created a number of half chances in the last 15 minutes of play and won a number of corners, but was unable to break through the Perth defence.

Referee Brett Hugo was guilty of stifling the flow of the game with over zealous refereeing, calling 28 fouls in the first half, and raised the ire of Glory fans by issuing yellow cards to Hay and Miller in the first half.



Buddy Farrah: involved in unfortunate own goal which saw Perth Glory advance to the final

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ASICS BIG MATCH UPDATE: NSL TOP SIX SERIES

South leave Sydney after doing a job on United

By Ted Simmons

SOUTH Melbourne grabbed a Grand Final place in the NSL with a scoreless draw at Sydney United on Sunday afternoon as a mark of support for absent central midfielder David Clarkson.

Clarkson stayed in Melbourne to monitor progress on his two young daughters who were injured in a car smash.

"It was in the back of the players' minds and we wanted the Grand Final for him," South Melbourne coach Angie Postecoglou said.

After a 2-1 win at home last weekend the draw was sufficient to put

couldn't break them down," United coach David Mitchell said.

"I knew we weren't going to get many scoring chances and the match followed the pattern I expected."

Each side had one clear-cut scoring opportunity and each shot went wide.

United and Australian Youth international Mile Sterjovski hung his head in despair in the 63rd minute after defender Steve Iosifides lost the ball in the penalty area and the young striker angled his shot onto the far post.

John Anastasiadis, two minutes into extra time, also faced an open goal

in the South Melbourne defence and referee Gerry Connelly needed to step in after 13 minutes to break up an early scuffle.

South Melbourne can thank the outstanding work by defenders Con Blatsis and Nick Orlic as well as keeper Michael Petkovic who played the second half with a badly gashed forehead.

The trio repelled wave after wave of United attacks in the second session where South Melbourne at times had its entire team inside the penalty area.

"We came here to do a job and the team carried its instructions perfectly," said Postecoglou.

"It's very hard to win in Sydney and because we've only played two games in the last five weeks, today's effort was worth three matches to us."

"I would have to favour

home team Sydney against Perth next week but whichever team makes the Grand Final we'll be ready for them."

United dominated most of the match and failed for the first time this season to score on its home-ground.

Players said the game was tough with plenty of body contact but was not spiteful and Connelly only had to issue one yellow card.



In the thick of it: Sydney United and South Melbourne

**SYDNEY UNITED 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE 0**
Venue: Edensor Park
Man of the Match: Walter Ardone SUTD

South into its second successive Grand Final.

Sydney United now plays Perth Glory in the preliminary final at Marconi Stadium next Sunday.

Both teams played typical tough uncompromising finals football with South Melbourne sticking to a defensive plan which frustrated the United attack.

"They marshalled their defence well and we

after a Vaughan Coveny break but almost put his shot into the crowd.

Semi-final nerves took control for most of the match and the first half was riddled with poor passing and wild tackles.

South Melbourne adopted similar tactics to their last meeting in Sydney, sitting back and letting United make most of the running.

United failed to capitalise on the obvious nerves

Carlton win southern youth title

by Roy Hay

Carlton is the champion of the Southern Division after a hard-fought one-nil win over Gippsland Falcons at Anderson Park on Saturday.

The only goal came from a penalty expertly converted by Ace Stojcevski after 20 minutes.

Matches between these clubs over the last couple of years have usually gone in Carlton's favour but have always been close and the result uncertain till the end.

Carlton had keeper

Steve Tilovski to thank for its victory, who kept his concentration and made the critical saves when he had to do so.

At one stage Gippsland had Carlton under the hammer but gradually the latter reasserted itself as the match wore on.

Serdar Pir in midfield and defender Mathew Nikolic, promoted from the Colts this year, also had excellent games for the winner.

Manager Ian Perri pointed out that five youth players were in the senior side by the end of

the season, yet the team had gone on to win the Southern Division for the first time.

Carlton will play the South Australian champion with the winner taking on the Northern champion in two weeks time in the Final Inter-Divisional Play-off probably as the curtain raiser to the Ericsson Cup Grand Final.

The AIS beat Northern Spirit by four goals to two in the Northern Division Preliminary final.

The goals were shared around by the AIS with

Ljubo Milicevic, Joshua Kennedy, Kevo Guleserian and Grant Last all on target.

The Northern Spirit reply came from two headed goals by Ryan and Adam Griffiths, but this was not enough to stem the AIS charge to the Grand Final.

The Spirit felt it got on the wrong end of some refereeing decisions, but having led the ladder for most of the season the AIS probably deserved its chance to have a rematch with Sydney Olympic.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE Play-offs

Inter-Divisional Play-Off
Sunday 23 May 1999

Carlton v South Australian Champion
(Venue, time to be announced)

Northern Division Grand Final
Sunday 23 May 1999

Sydney Olympic v AIS
(Venue, time to be announced)

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RAM SPORTS

NSW SUPER LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Blacktown City Demos	16	11	2	3	36	14	35
Bonnyrigg	16	11	1	4	47	26	34
Macarthur Rams	16	10	1	5	29	18	31
Leichhardt Tigers	16	9	2	5	33	24	29
Fairfield Bulls	16	8	3	5	30	28	27
Bankstown City Lions	16	8	1	7	33	26	25
Canterbury Mille	16	7	4	5	24	25	25
Parramatta Eagles	15	7	2	6	28	20	23
Ryde City	15	3	4	8	20	25	13
Central Coast	14	2	3	9	12	32	9
Sutherland Sharks	15	2	2	11	14	41	8
Eastern Suburbs	15	2	1	12	19	46	7

NSW SUPER LEAGUE

UNDER 21	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Parramatta Eagles	15	10	3	2	36	19	33
Macarthur Rams	16	9	3	4	37	18	30
Bonnyrigg	16	10	0	6	33	22	30
Fairfield Bulls	16	8	3	5	27	32	27
Blacktown City	16	8	1	7	37	30	25
Eastern Suburbs	15	8	1	6	27	23	25
Leichhardt Tigers	16	7	1	8	33	31	22
Central Coast	14	5	3	6	21	27	18
Ryde City	15	4	3	8	21	26	15
Canterbury Mville	16	4	3	9	17	29	15
Sutherland Sharks	15	4	2	9	16	33	14
Bankstown City Lions	16	3	3	10	19	34	12

NSW SUPER LEAGUE

UNDER 18	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Parramatta Eagles	15	12	1	2	55	12	37
Blacktown City	16	11	3	2	35	15	36
Macarthur Rams	16	10	1	5	27	21	31
Canterbury Mville	16	8	4	4	29	21	28
Leichhardt Tigers	16	8	4	4	21	15	28
Eastern Suburbs	15	6	2	7	24	25	20
Bankstown City Lions	16	6	1	9	25	33	19
Central Coast	14	5	2	7	20	21	17
Sutherland Sharks	15	4	3	8	16	29	15
Ryde City	15	3	5	7	13	20	14
Bonnyrigg	16	2	5	9	10	29	11
Fairfield Bulls	16	1	3	12	11	45	6

VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Sharks	15	10	4	1	37	15	34
Preston Lions	15	9	2	4	33	20	29
Green Gully Cavaliers	14	8	4	2	27	15	28
Fawkner Blues	15	8	2	5	26	17	26
Melbourne Raiders	15	6	4	5	21	24	22
Altona Magic	15	6	3	6	21	30	21
Bentleigh Greens	15	5	5	5	27	17	20
Bulleen Inter Kings	14	4	5	5	17	18	17
St. Albans Saints	15	5	2	8	16	22	17
South Dandenong	14	4	4	6	23	24	16
Altona East Phoenix	15	4	4	7	15	22	16
Spring. White Eagles	15	3	4	8	19	27	13
Westvale	14	2	6	6	17	30	12
Sunshine Georgies	15	3	3	9	14	32	12

SCHOOLS

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS C'SHIP at Armidale:

Day 2:	
Sth Coast 3	Western 0
Sydney Nth 1	Nth Coast 0
Sydney East 1	Western 0
Sth Coast 1	Nth Coast 0
Sydney Nth 1	Sydney East 0
Riverina 0	Sydney Sth West 0
Sydney West 0	Hunter 0
Riverina 1	Nth West 0
Hunter 1	Sydney Sth West 1
Nth West 0	Sydney West 0
Day 3	
semi-F:	
Sth Coast 2	Hunter 0
Sydney West 3	Sydney Nth 1
Playoffs 9-10th:	
Western 3	Nth West 0
7-8th:	
Sydney East 1	Riverina 1
5-6th:	
Sydney Sth West 2	Nth Coast 0
Final:	
Sydney West 4	Sth Coast 0
NSW GIRLS CHS teams to play in All Schools Carnival:	
FIRSTS: E Hunter (Sth C) C Murphy (Sydney W) S De Beus (Sydney W) B Nutley (Hunter) T Olden (Hunter) C McCall (Sth C) J	

Palmer (Sydney N) R Alley (Hunter) L Collins (Sydney N) B Flewell-Smith (Sydney W) J McLaughlin (Sydney W) A Brennan (Nth W) J Syne (Sth C) B Dawney (Nth C) M Shephard (Hunter). Coach: C Bradley (Sydney E). Mgr. J Davis (Sydney W).

SECONDS: J King (Riverina) D Poulos (Sth C) K Wilson (Sydney SW) F Perfulio (Sydney SW) T Havini (Sydney W) A Neilson (Hunter) K Sevil (Sydney N) B Davison (Sydney E) K Ward (Sydney E) K Blackwell (Riverina) E Micalles (Sydney W) S Stephens (Sydney SW) M Garnett (Sydney N) J Bruce (Sth C) T Deko (Sth C) K Collins (Sydney SW). Coach: Alan Staicic (Sydney SW). Mgr: T Keale (Hunter).

METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGES

Round 3: U-13:

Marist Nth Shore 1	Marist Kogarah 1
La Salle Bankstown 1	St Leo's Wairoonga 0
Marcellin Randwick 3	De La Salle Ashfield 3
CBHS Lewisham 11	Marist Pagewood 0
U-15:	
Marist Kogarah 7	Marist Nth Shore 0
La Salle Bankstown 2	St Leo's Wairoonga 1
De La Salle Ashfield 2	Marcellin Randwick 0
Marist Pagewood 2	CBHS Lewisham 2
St Leo's Wairoonga 2	La Salle Bankstown 1

SCHOOLS Trials:

First grade:	
St Pats Strathfield 3	St Josephs 1
Second grade:	
St Patricks 3	St Josephs 0

BILL TURNER CUP:

Rd 1:	
James Cook Boys 2	Woolooware 1
Menai 6	Heathcote 0
Gymea 3	St John Bosco 1
Kingsgrove 2	Hurstville Boys 0
Sydney Boys 2	Moriah College 1
Masada College 6	Killarney Heights 1
Beacon Hill 3	St Augustines College 2
The Forest 3	Cromer 0
Crestwood 4	Redfield College 0
William Clarke 2	Galston 1
Mitchell 7	Shalvey 0
Bede Polding 9	Windsor 0
Colyton 3	Bidwill 0
Jamison 8	Mamre College 3
Emmas College 7	Glenmore Park 0
Cambridge Park 2	Springwood 0
St Columbas 4	Penrith 1
Cranebrook 4	John Wycliffe 2
Christian Burwood 5	South Strathfield 1
Parramatta Marist 5	Birrong Boys 4

Cecil Hills 8	Airds 1
Prairiewood 5	Thomas Reddal 0
Lurnea 3	Fairfield 2
Northmead 6	Seven Hills 0
Kurri Kurri 2	St Cath Singleton 0
Maitland 3	Rutherford 1
Irrawang 7	Raymond Terrace 0
San Clemente 2	Francis Greenway 1
Lambton 3	Jesmond 2
Newcastle 4	Broadmeadow 2
Newcastle Grammar 7	Hunter Christian 2
Belmont 3	Swansea 0
Warners Bay 4	Morrist 0
St Edwards Gosford 4	Berkeley Vale 1
Kaleen 3	Campbell 2
Calwell 6	Kambah 0
Marist Pearce 5	Trinity Christian 1
Canberra 2	Belconnen 1
Ginninderra 3	Melba 0
St Francis Xavier 2	Radford 1
Stromlo 5	Melrose 3
Telopea 3	Canberra Grammar 0
Moruya 4	Narooma 3
St Pauls Walla Walla 7	Finley 0
Ketra 8	Kanahooka 0
Woonona 6	Wollongong 1
Vincentia 3	Bowral 0
Dapto 6	Illawarra Grammar 1

ACT

Federation Cup Final:
Canberra Olympic 6
3rd Playoff:
Monaro 2

Premier League Division 2:

1st Grade:	
Sabres FC 2	Belwest Foxes 6
Cooma 4	Tuggeranong United 2
ANU 2	White Eagles 0
Reserve Grade:	
Sabres FC 0	Belwest Foxes 1
Cooma 0	Tuggeranong United 6
ANU 2	White Eagles 2

State League:

Division 1:	
Canberra City 3	Ginninderra 5
ANU 3	Valley Blues 2
Monaro 4	Uni of Canberra 1
Division 2:	
Canberra City 0	Ginninderra 0
ANU 10	Valley Blues 0
Belconnen 4	Tuggeranong 1
Burns Club 3	Belwest 3

Division 3:	
Weston Creek 7	Uni of Canberra 1
Fyshwick 0	Harmonie 8
Tuggeranong 1	Valley Blues 4
ANU 3	Canberra City 0

Division 4:	
ANU2 1	Uni of Canberra 2
Weston Creek 2	Uni of Canberra 1
Fyshwick 0	Harmonie 1
Burns Club 7	Valley Blues 0

Masters:	
Valley Blues 0	Belconnen 8
White Eagles 0	Belwest 3 (ftt)
Canberra Deakin 7	ANU 3
Kambah Old Boys 7	ANU 4
Canberra Deakin 1	Uni of Canberra 3
Belwest 2	Belconnen 2
Tuggeranong 1	Kambah Rovers 3

NEW SOUTH WALES

NSWSF SUPER LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE:

Leichhardt Tigers 2	Central Coast 1
Bonnyrigg 3	Macarthur Rams 1
Blacktown City 7	Canterbury 0
Bankstown City 3	Eastern Suburbs 2
Parramatta Eagles 1	Fairfield Bulls 1

Ryde City 3	Sutherland Sharks 0
U/21:	
Leichhardt Tigers 2	Central Coast 0
Macarthur Rams 2	Bonnyrigg 1
Blacktown City 4	Canterbury 1
Eastern Suburbs 4	Bankstown City 3
Fairfield Bulls 2	Parramatta Eagles 1
Sutherland Sharks 2	Ryde City 1
Bonnyrigg 3	Ryde City 1
Leichhardt Tigers 3	Bankstown City 0
U/18:	
Central Coast 1	Leichhardt Tigers 1
Macarthur Rams 3	Bonnyrigg 0
Blacktown City 1	Canterbury 0
Bankstown City 4	Eastern Suburbs 4
Parramatta Eagles 3	Fairfield Bulls 0
Sutherland Sharks 2	Ryde City 1
Ryde City 0	Bonnyrigg 0
Leichhardt Tigers 3	Bankstown City 2

DIVISION ONE: First Grade

Bathurst '75 0	Hurstville City 0
Manly Warringah 4	Auburn United 0
Rockdale City Suns 3	Illawarra Lions 0
St George 2	Penrith Panthers 0
Stammore Hawks 2	AC United 1
Moorebank Sports 1	Dulwich Hill 1
U/21:	
Bathurst '75 1	Hurstville City 1
Manly Warringah 2	Auburn United 0
Illawarra Lions 2	Rockdale City Suns 1
St George 1	Penrith Panthers 1
Stammore Hawks 2	AC United 0

Moorebank Sports 1	Dulwich Hill 0
U/18: Bathurst '75 4	Hurstville City 1
Auburn United 2	Manly Warringah 1
Rockdale City Suns 5	Illawarra Lions 1
Penrith Panthers 4	St George 1
Stammore Hawks 1	AC United 1
Moorebank Sports 9	Dulwich Hill 1

DIVISION TWO: First grade

Hurstville ZSC 3	University of NSW 0
Greystanes 4	Arncliffe Scots 0
Hajduk Wanderers 3	Mt Pritchard 1
Belmore Hercules 2	Hills United 1
Fraser Park 2	Sydney University 0
Mt Druitt Town 4	Sydney District 0
U/21:	
University of NSW 2	Hurstville City 2
Greystanes 3	Arncliffe Scots 0
Hajduk Wanderers 2	Mt Pritchard 1
Hills United 6	Belmore Hercules 0
Sydney University 5	Fraser Park 2
Mt Druitt Town 8	Sydney District 0
U/18:	
University of NSW 1	Hurstville ZSC 1
Arncliffe Scots 1	Greystanes 1
Mt Pritchard 2	Hajduk Wanderers 0
Belmore Hercules 1	Hills United 1
Sydney University 2	Fraser Park 0
Mt Druitt Town 4	Sydney District 0

DIVISION THREE: First Grade

Prospect United 5	Maroubra United 0
Western Lions 6	Camden Tigers 2
Hakoah 5	Parramatta City 2
Trasandinos 0	Trasandinos 0
White City 4	The Wanderers 2
Liverpool City 2	Gladesville United 1
Liverpool City 2	Maroubra United 1

Second Grade:	
Prospect United 2	Maroubra United 1
W Sydney Lions 2	Camden Tigers 2
Hakoah 5	Parramatta City 0
Trasandinos 2	Colo Colo 0
White City 4	The Wanderers 4
Gladesville United 5	Liverpool City 1

DIVISION FOUR: First Grade:

Nepean District 2	Granville Green 0
Prairiewood United 6	Sydney Star 2
Eastern Creek 1	Balmain 1
Marrickville 3	CSI Schofields 2
Hawkesbury City 3	White Valley 2
Holy Cross Ryde 4	Springwood 2
Auburn Star 0	United Eagles 0
Eastern Creek 3	Auburn Star 1

SECOND GRADE:

Nepean District 2	Gransville Green 0
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Prairiewood United 7	Sydney Star 3
Balmain 3	Eastern Creek 2
Marrickville 5	CSI Schofields 1
Hawkesbury City 5	White Valley 0
Springwood 0	Holy Cross Ryde 0
United Eagles 4	Auburn Star 2

DIVISION FIVE: First Grade

Lithgow Workmen 4	Bossy 2
Sporting SCC 2	Sydney TUSC 2
Kellyville Kolts 2	Homenetmen 1
Macquarie Sports 2	AVA United 1
Liverpool Olympic 2	Kosciusko 2
Second Grade:	
Lithgow Workmen 2	Bossy 1
Sporting SCC 5	Sydney TUSC 3
Kellyville Kolts 7	Homenetmen 0
AVA United 3	Macquarie Sports 0
Liverpool Olympic 1	Kosciusko 0

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE: First Grade:

NNSW ITC/Academy 3	Sutherland Sharks 0
Marconi Fairfield 7	Nepean Panthers 2
Central Coast 3	Gladesville Ravens 1
Shoalhaven Assoc 3	Sydney United 1
NSW INST/Academy 4	Macarthur Rams 0
Second Grade:	
NNSW ITC/Acad 4	Sutherland Sharks 3
Marconi Fairfield 12	Nepean Panthers 1
Central Coast 4	Gladesville Ravens 1
Sydney United 7	Shoalhaven Assoc 0
Macarthur Rams 1	NSW ITC/Academy 1

WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE ONE:

First Grade:	
Manly Warringah 2	Eastern Suburbs 0
Wollongong Wolves 2	Gladesville Koalas 1
Bathurst City 8	Bankstown United 0
St George Assoc 4	Roselands 0
Second Grade:	
Manly Warringah 6	Eastern Suburbs 3
Wollongong Wolves 4	Gladesville 1
Bathurst City 6	Bankstown United 2
St George Assoc 3	Roselands 0

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE:

G/13:	
Southern Branch 2	Southern Districts 0
Leichhardt Tigers 2	Marconi Fairfield 2
Gladesville Hornsby 1	Sutherland Sharks 0
Parramatta Eagles 1	Manly Warringah 0
Blacktown City 3	Sydney United 0
Macarthur Rams 1	Sydney Olympic 0
Newcastle Breakers 5	Central Coast 1
Wollongong Wolves 5	Eastern Suburbs 2
Southern Districts 1	Gladesville Hornsby 1
Blacktown City 8	Manly Warringah 0

G/14:	
Southern Districts 3	Southern Branch 0
Leichhardt Tigers 2	Marconi Fairfield 0
Sutherland Sharks 3	Gladesville Hornsby 2
Parramatta Eagles 2	Manly Warringah 0
Blacktown City 1	Sydney United 0
Sydney Olympic 2	Macarthur Rams 0
Newcastle Breakers 5	Central Coast 0
Wollongong Wolves 6	Eastern Suburbs 0
Southern Districts 1	Gladesville Hornsby 1
Blacktown City 3	Manly Warringah 2

G/15:	
Marconi Fairfield 2	Leichhardt Tigers 1
Gladesville Hornsby 1	Sutherland Sharks 1
Parramatta Eagles 2	Manly Warringah 2
Blacktown City 4	Sydney United 1
Macarthur Rams 3	Sydney Olympic 0
Southern Districts 4	Southern Branch 0
Newcastle Breakers 1	Central Coast 1
Wollongong Wolves 4	Eastern Suburbs 0
Gladesville Hornsby 2	Southern Districts 0
Blacktown City 2	Manly Warringah 0

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RAM SPORTS

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

CRAZY JOHN'S STATE LEAGUE 1:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor United	8	6	1	1	20	7	19
Heidelberg United	7	6	1	0	20	9	19
Westgate	8	5	1	2	15	8	16
Oakleigh	7	5	0	2	10	5	15
Kingston City	8	4	1	3	10	13	13
Nth Geelong	8	3	3	2	9	7	12
Western Suburbs	8	3	2	3	12	11	11
Northcote City	8	3	1	4	19	17	10
Doncaster Rovers	8	2	3	3	14	11	9
Melbourne City	8	3	0	5	15	21	9
Yarraville Glory	8	2	2	4	10	14	8
Richmond	8	1	3	4	9	18	6
Springvale City	8	1	2	5	3	14	5
Werribee City	8	0	2	6	7	18	2

QUEENSLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brisbane Lions	13	8	2	3	33	21	26
Rochdale Rovers	13	8	0	5	31	22	24
Ipswich Knights	13	7	2	4	21	16	23
Taringa Rovers	13	6	3	4	21	13	21
Brisbane City	13	6	3	4	22	17	21
Gold Coast	13	4	7	2	24	20	19
Bundaberg Waves	13	4	3	6	19	21	15
Wynnum	13	4	2	7	20	27	14
Mt Gravatt	13	3	3	7	20	32	12
Toowoomba Utd	13	1	3	9	9	31	6

ACT PREMIER LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

	P	W	S	D	L	F	A	PT
Belconnen United	5	4	1	0	0	22	4	14
Monaro	5	3	2	0	0	19	5	13
Weston Creek	5	3	2	0	0	12	5	13
Capital City Suns	5	3	1	0	1	13	5	11
Gung. Juventus	5	2	1	0	2	11	11	8
Canberra Olympic	5	2	0	1	2	6	7	7
Canberra Deakin	5	1	1	1	2	5	5	6
Uni of Canberra	5	1	0	0	4	9	14	3
Burns Club	5	1	0	0	4	4	21	3
Queanbeyan City	5	0	0	0	5	6	31	0

WEST AUSTRALIA SOCCER WEST COAST PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Western Knights	6	5	0	1	22	7	15
Joondalup	6	4	1	1	17	6	13
Fremantle City	5	4	0	1	49	9	12
Sorrento	5	4	0	1	23	7	12
Bayswater City	6	3	1	2	12	14	10
Ashfield Bunbury	5	3	0	2	10	8	9
Floreat Athena	5	2	1	2	13	12	7
Inglewood Falcons	5	1	2	2	8	12	5
Perth SC	6	1	1	4	4	11	4
Cockburn City	6	1	1	4	7	18	4
Kingsway Olympic	6	1	1	4	5	18	4
Stirling Lions	5	0	0	5	2	20	0

Penrith Panthers 2	CSI Schofields 1
AC United 1	Stammore Hawks 0
Hajduk Wanderers 2	Mt Pritchard 0
Hills United 4	Moorebank Sports 0
Hurstville City 5	Mt Druit Town 0
Macquarie Sports 5	Hawkesbury City 1
G/12:	
Macquarie Sports 7	Mt Pritchard 0
CSI Schofields 1	Penrith Panthers 1
Stammore Hawks 1	AC United 0
Hajduk Wanderers 3	Mt Pritchard 0
Moorebank Sports 0	Hills United 0
Mt Druit Town 3	Hurstville City 3
Macquarie Sports 3	Hawkesbury City 0

SYDNEY AMATEUR LEAGUE

Pship Rd 5	
Div 1:	
First grade:	
Amcliffe 1	Leichhardt 0
Enfield Rovers 1	Sydney Uni 0
Lansvale United 1	Manchester 0
Strathfield 5	Lansvale Zebras 2
Reserve grade:	
Leichhardt 2	Amcliffe 1
Sydney Uni 3	Enfield Rovers 0
Lansvale United 7	Manchester 1
Strathfield 6	Lansvale Zebras 1

Div 2	
First grade:	
Roselands 1	Dobroyd 1

Wanderers 4	Minders 0
Racing 3	Sydney Pharoahs 1
Ecuador 2	Eldorado 0
Reserve grade:	
Dobroyd 3	Roselands 1
Racing 1	Sydney Pharoahs 1
Eldorado 1	Ecuador 1

O-35 Rd 6:	
Concordia 1	Kingsgrove Apollo
Concord 2	KBBS 0
Leichhardt 2	Dulwich Hill 1
Portugal Union 3	Racing 1

Amateur Cup Rd 1:	
Dobroyd 3	Minders United 0

NORTHERN NSW

NBN SOCCER LEAGUE: ROUND 8

Belmont Swansea 3	Wallsend 2
S Edwards	S Matthews
B Wolski	Y Takahashi
C Fleming	

East Maitland 1	Edgeworth 3
L. Sottiva	R. Jovanaski
	I. Tressider (2)

Toronto Awaba 2	Highfields Azzurri 3
C. Matthews	W. Bailey
T. Taylor	B. Van Eppen
	T. Turner

Adamstown Rose 2	Hamilton Olympic 3
D. Robertson (2)	B. Lane (2)
	R. Mooney

Cessnock 1	Weatherex Gunners 1
B. Lowe	Own Goal

Weston Workers 1	Broadmeadow Mag 3
A. Richards	K. Helmers
	P. Budden
	P. Beckler

RESERVE GRADE	
Belmont Swansea 1	Wallsend 5
East Maitland 0	Edgeworth 5
Toronto Awaba 0	Highfields Azzurri 4
Adamstown Rose 1	Hamilton Olympic 1
Cessnock 0	Weatherex Gunners 3
Weston Workers 1	Broadmeadow Mag 1

UNDER 18'S	
Belmont Swansea 0	Wallsend 3
East Maitland 1	Edgeworth 1

Toronto Awaba 0	Highfields Azzurri 2
Adamstown Rose 1	Hamilton Olympic 0
Cessnock Hornets 0	Weatherex Gunners 3
Weston Workers 1	Broadmeadow Mag 3

2ND DIVISION: ROUND 9

1ST GRADE	
Thornton Park 1	Lake Macquarie 2
Dudley Redhead 0	Beresfield United 3
West Wallsend 5	Lambton Jaffas
Budgewoi Budgies 0	Phoenix Rangers 1
ie 9	Mayfield United 2
Singleton 0	Tingira 4

RESERVE GRADE	
Thornton 1	Lake Macquarie 3
Dudley Redhead 5	Beresfield United 1
West Wallsend 5	Lambton Jaffas 0
Budgewoi Budgies 0	Phoenix 2
Medowie 4	Mayfield 3
Singleton 0	Tingira 2

UNDER 19'S	
Thornton 4	Lake Macquarie 0
Dudley Redhead 1	Beresfield 0
West Wallsend 4	Lambton 0
Budgewoi 1	Phoenix 0
Medowie 0	Mayfield 3
Singleton 0	Tingira 1

NEW FM SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND 6	
UNDER 13'S	
Weston 2	Cessnock 0
Adamstown 0	Maitland 0

Manning 0	Tingira 0
Oxley 1	Highfields 1
Cardiff 1	Wallsend 2

UNDER 14'S	
Weston 1	Cessnock 1
Adamstown 9	Maitland 0
Manning 1	Tingira 3
Oxley 2	Highfields 0
Cardiff 8	Wallsend 0

UNDER 15'S	
Weston 4	Cessnock 1
Adamstown 0	Maitland 1
Manning 4	Tingira 0
Oxley 1	Highfields 2
Cardiff 1	Wallsend 0

UNDER 16'S	
Weston 4	Cessnock 1
Adamstown 2	Maitland 0
Manning 0	Tingira 1
Oxley 1	Highfields 1
Cardiff 6	Wallsend 0

QUEENSLAND

QUEENSLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

Toowoomba United 0	Brisbane City 0
Mt Gravatt 0	Ipswich Knights 2
Rochdale Rovers 0	Gold Coast 4
Wynnum 1	Brisbane Lions 2
Taringa Rovers 1	Bundaberg Waves 0

DIVISION 1 NORTH

Grange Thistle 2	Mitchelton 1
Pine Rivers United 4	Uni of Qld 1
Albany Creek: bye	
Eastern Suburbs 4	The Gap 3
Newmarket 1	North Star 1

DIVISION 1 SOUTH

Slacks Creek 3	Acacia Ridge 2
Inala City 2	Rocklea United 1
Redlands United bye	
Olympic United 2	Capalaba 1
Beenleigh 3	Souths United 4

VICTORIA

PREMIER LEAGUE: Firsts: Rd 15:	
Pt. Melbourne 1	Springvale 0
Preston Lions 1	Sunshine Georgies 1
Altona East Phoenix 0	Altona Magic 1
Bentleigh Greens 0	St. Albans Saints 1

Fawkner Blues 3	Melbourne Raiders 1
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STATE LEAGUE 1: Firsts: Rd 8:	
Westgate 3	Werribee City 1
Doncaster Rovers 1	Yarraville Glory 1
Kingston City 2	Melbourne City 1
Western Suburbs 1	Richmond 1
Springvale City 0	Nth Geelong 0
Northcote City 1	Lalor United 5

STATE LEAGUE 2: Firsts: Rd 8:	
Altona City 1	Diamond Valley 0
Frankston Strikers 2	Cranbourne Comets 2
Old Scotch 0	Essendon 4
Geelong 2	Ringwood City 2
Croydon City 1	Knox City 1
Satellite City Rov'S 0	Thomastown/Regent 4
East Richmond 3	Frankston Pines 2

STATE LEAGUE 3: Firsts: Rd 8:	
Williamstown 0	South Wantima 3
South Springvale 0	Keilor Park 1
Pascoe Vale 0	North Coburg 4
Moreland City 0	Fitzroy City 2
Stonnington City 3	Broadmeadows City 2
Laverton Park 2	Bell Park 0
Banyule City 0	Mooroolbark 2

STATE LEAGUE 4: Firsts: Rd 8:	
Sandringham City 5	Numawading City 1
Seaford United 1	Melton 0
Lalor 4	Chelsea 0

Lyndale United 1	Corio 1
Clifton Hill United 1	Keysborough 6
Sunbury United 7	Geelong Rangers 1
Crofton Park 1	Langwarrin 2

PROV'NAL LEAGUE DIV. 1: Firsts: Rd 6:	
Nth Sunshine 3	Templestowe Eagles 5
Monbulk 2	Dandenong 0
Springvale Condors 1	Brunswick City 1
Mitcham United 0	Endeavour United 1
Sydenham Park 2	Morwell Pegasus 2
South Caulfield 0	Riversdale 3

PROV'NAL LEAGUE DIV. 2 NW: Rd 6:	
Broadmeadows 0	Glenroy 4
Hoppers Crossing 5	Mill Park 1
Melbourne Uni 2	Meadow Park 2
Somerton City 1	Uni. Of Melbourne 2
Ballarat 2	Keon Park 0
Elwood City 2	South Yarra 1

PROV'NAL LEAGUE DIV. 2 SE: Rd 6:	
Newborough 1	Brandon Park 1
Heatherton United 1	Clayton 2
Braeside United 2	Dandenong Inter 1
Dingley City 3	Noble Park 1
Waverley Wand 1	Doveton 1
Monash Uni 0	Ashburton 9

PROV'NAL LEAGUE DIV. 3 NW: Rd 6:	
Watsonia Heights 2	Brimbank 3
West Preston 1	Darebin United 4
North Reservoir 0	Brimbank City 0
Whittlesea United 0	North Glenroy 3
Flemington Falcons 2	Keilor United 4
Northern United 1	La Trobe Uni 2

PROV'NAL LEAGUE DIV. 3 SE: Rd 6:	
Collingwood City 1	North Caulfield 2
Rowville Eagles 3	Parkmore 1
Moreland United 3	Endeavour Hills 2
Newport United 0	Old Camberwell 1
Beaumaris 3	Thornbury United 0
Ivanhoe United 2	Noble Park United 1

THIRDS LEAGUE N/W: Firsts: Rd 3:	
Diamond Valley-5	Brunswick City 2
Essendon 3	Ballarat City 0
Melb'Rne City 0	Moreland City 13
Melbourne Uni 1	Richmond Barb 2
Moonee Valley Kings Bye	

THIRDS LEAGUE S/E: Firsts: Rd 3:	
Moorabbin O/B 3	Keysborough 0
Sandringham City 7	Monbulk 3

WOMENS LEAGUE 18'S: Firsts: Rd 3:

Ringwood City A 4	Langwarrin 0
Ringwood City B 0	Brighton 8
WOMENS LEAGUE DIVISION 1: Rd 4:	
Yarraville Glory 0	Seaford United 0
Waverley Taipans 0	Newborough 2
Ballarat Strikers 0	Endeavour Hills 1
WOMENS LEAGUE 16'S N/W: Firsts: Rd 3:	
Eltham North 10	Reservoir United 0
WOMENS LEAGUE DIV 3 NTH-WEST:	
Firsts: Rd 4:	
North Reservoir 3	La Trobe University 2
Fairfield Falcons B 2	Melton 6
Diamond Valley Utd 0	Deakin University 3
WOMENS LEAGUE DIV 2 NTH-WEST:	
Firsts: Rd 4:	
Eltham North 4	Laverton Park 4
Mill Park 1	Calder Strikers 3
Thornbury United 5	Brunswick City 0
WOMENS LEAGUE 16'S S/E: Rd 3:	
Ringwood City 1	Mooroolbark 8
Richmond 4	Mitcham United 2

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

FIRST GRADE	
Monash 2	Churchill 3
Moe United 7	Drouin Dragons 1
Sale City 8	Tyers 4
Traralgon City 0	Warragul 3
Newborough 1	Olympians 8
SECOND GRADE	
Monash 2	Churchill 0
Moe United 3	Drouin Dragons 0

Sale City 1	Tyers 2
Traralgon City 0	Warragul 1
Newborough 4	Olympians 0

DIVISION 2	
Falcons 2	Fortuna 2
Trafalgar Vikings 4	Moe United 6

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PREMIER LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE	
Fremantle City 2	Stirling Lions 3
Kingsway Olympic 0	Bayswater City 2
Perth SC 0	Joondalup 0
Inglewood Falcons 3	Ashfield Bunbury 0
Cockburn City 0	Western Knights 5
SECOND GRADE	
Fremantle City 2	Stirling Lions 1
Kingsway Olympic 0	Bayswater City 1
Perth SC 1	Joondalup 5
Inglewood Falcons 4	Ashfield Bunbury 1
Cockburn City 2	Western Knights 1
UNDER 18s	
Fremantle City 9	Stirling Lions 2
Kingsway Olympic 2	Bayswater City 1
Perth SC 4	Joondalup 0
Inglewood Falcons 5	Ashfield Bunbury 2
Cockburn City 2	Western Knights 0

DIVISION 1

FIRST GRADE	
Swan IC 2	Perth City 0
Rockingham City 2	Balcatta 1
Queens Park 1	Bassendean 1
Armada 1	Leeming Strikers 1
Stirling Suns 2	Dianella 4
Southside United 2	Wanneroo City 0
SECOND GRADE	
Swan IC 2	Perth City 6
Rockingham City 2	Balcatta 0
Queens Park 1	Bassendean 3
Armada 0	Leeming Strikers 0
Stirling Suns 0	Dianella 3
Southside United 1	Wanneroo City 3
UNDER 18s	
Swan IC 1	Perth City 2
Rockingham City 3	Balcatta 2
Queens Park 5	Bassendean 3
Armada 4	Leeming Strikers 2
Stirling Suns 3	Dianella 1
Southside United 0	Wanneroo City 3

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